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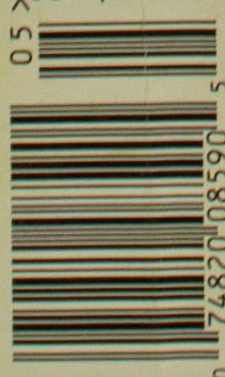
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my biting wit throughout  
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# Letters to the Editors



Dear Nick Mag,  
I have to go to bed at 9 PM. Can you write a song to convince my mom to let me stay up until 10?  
Justin V., age 12  
Crosby, Texas

Dear Justin,  
Here it is:  
(Sing to the tune of "The Itsy Bitsy Spider.")  
Oh dearest darling mother, when should my sleep begin?  
Nine is too soon to go and be tucked in.  
Ten is the per-fect time to start to snore.  
And if you let me stay up, I will not ask for more.

Dear Nick Mag,  
I enjoy reading your magazine. How do you come up with all this stuff? How many letters do you get that say the same thing mine does?  
Lela D., age 14  
Snohomish, Washington

Dear Lela,  
We get many letters every month that ask us "How do you come up with all this stuff?" But yours is the only one from Snohomish, Washington.

Dear Nick Mag,  
I love your magazine. So does my dog, Jessie. Our favorite reporter is Zelda Van Gutters. Are there any other dog reporters?  
Katie P., age 10  
Taylors, South Carolina

Dear Katie,  
We interviewed some, but they didn't bowl us over.

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# Whatever We Want

Our special **ANIMAL SECTION** is the cat's pajamas. Turn to page 7 where you'll find some jokes that are sure to make you howl with laughter.

**A Chronicle for Critters**  
Don't miss *The Wild Times*, our newspaper for all creatures, great and small. It begins on page 17.

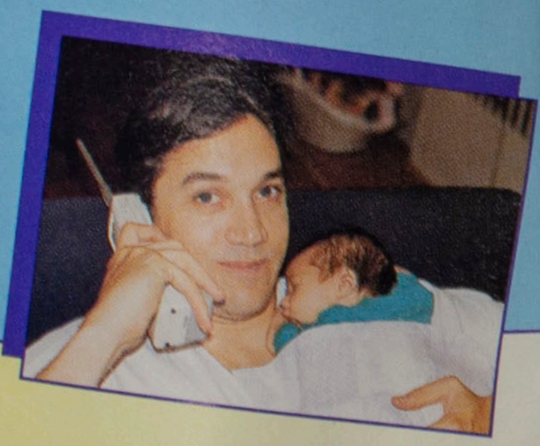
## Go to Your Vroom



Every Memorial Day weekend, millions of people watch the **Indianapolis 500**, where 33 drivers race 500 miles around an oval track. Put a **T** next to the Indy items that are true and an **F** next to those that aren't.

Answers on page 55.

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|---|--|
| 1. ____ During pit stops, drivers are required to put on deodorant.                         | 5. ____ Before the race, someone sings the song "Back Home Again in Indiana."      |
| 2. ____ If a car touches a second car, the second car becomes "it"                          | 6. ____ The judge waves the Black Flag whenever an insect is spotted on the track. |
| 3. ____ The track is so big that there are four holes of a golf course in the middle of it. | 7. ____ The fastest average speed during an Indy race was 185 mph.                 |
| 4. ____ Drivers must signal when they pass another car or they are disqualified.            | 8. ____ The winner drinks a bottle of milk.  |



**HERE'S HERB!**  
Nickelodeon has a new president—Herb Scannell (above with his daughter, Caroline). Herb was promoted to Big Cheese after Geraldine B. Laybourne, the Boss Lady, left the company for a new job.

Look for our new column "Hey, Herb!" in the next issue. If you have any questions you'd like to ask him, send them to:

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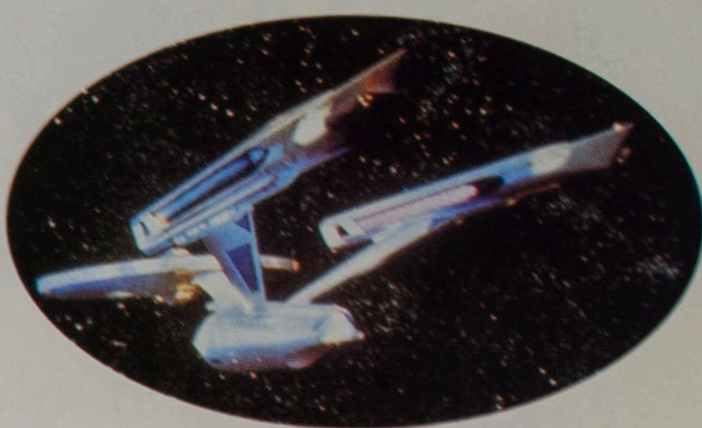
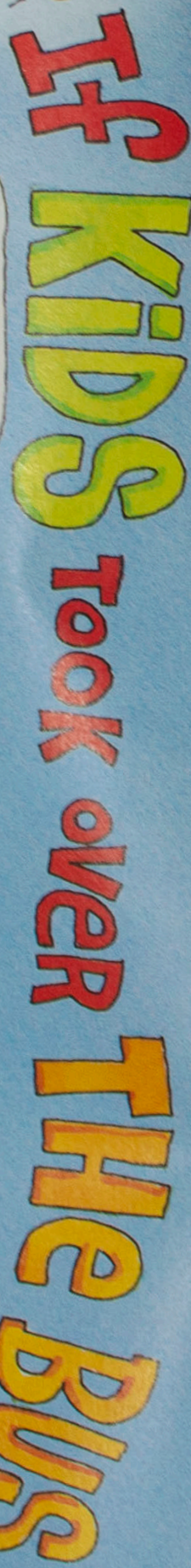
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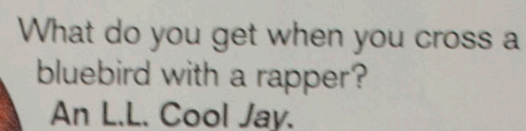
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by David Lewman



Where did Billy and Nanny Gruff  
take their kids shopping?  
The Burlington Goat Factory.

Where do anteaters go to play video games?  
aardvarkade.

Why did the bird with the extra wing run away?  
To join a three-wing circus.

Why are seals so good at pinball?  
Because they play with two extra  
flippers.

What do you call someone who raises skunks?  
The farmer in the *smell*.

What rolls into a ball whenever there's a fire?  
An *alarmadillo*.

What do you call a male cow that sleeps all the time?  
**A bulldozer.**

What lives in a river, lies in the mud, and grows antlers?  
A hippopotamoose.

What lives in a river, lies in the mud, and goes great with baloney?  
**A hippopotamustard.**

What did the lions say to the impala?  
"We were just *stalking* about you."

What's the cow's favorite TV show?  
**Steer Trek.**

How did the African antelope get to the second floor?  
She took the *gazellevator*.

What's the pig's favorite TV show?  
*Ham Improvement.*

What song did the birds sing to the pile of twigs?  
"Be Our Nest."

What's the ape's favorite TV show?  
The *Chimpsons*.

What do you get when you cross a pig with a porcupine?  
A *porkupine*.

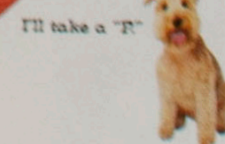
What was the porcupine's motto?  
"Where there's a *quill*, there's  
a way."

Why did the weatherman let a grizzly sit on him?  
He wanted to measure the *bear*ometric pressure.

What did the tiger say on  
*Wheel of Fortune*?  
"I'd like to buy a *growl*,  
please."

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Rhino.  
Rhino who?  
*Rhino* you are, but what am I?

Which animal loves jokes like these?  
A *punda* bear.







# Go Darn Fly!

Unscramble the words or phrase on the left to discover the name of an animal on the right. Then draw a line to connect them. We did one for you. *Answers on page 55.*



I'm a sweet pup.

salty pup  
mall radio  
butt flyer  
the ache  
strange rake  
**go darn fly**

**dragonfly**  
giraffe  
garter snake  
alligator  
orangutan  
salamander  
platypus  
armadillo  
scorpion  
cheetah  
butterfly  
rattlesnake  
wildebeest  
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| salty pup    | dragonfly    |
| mall radio   | giraffe      |
| butt flyer   | garter snake |
| the ache     | alligator    |
| strange rake | orangutan    |
| go darn fly  | salamander   |
| fig fear     | platypus     |



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# ACTING LIKE ANIMALS

Babe, Beethoven, and other movie animals didn't get to be stars because of their good looks alone. They were groomed for stardom by these animal trainers.

**Karl Lewis Miller** has been working with animals for more than 30 years. He started out in the United States Air Force, training German shepherds to be watchdogs. Since then, he has trained the animals for movies such as *Babe* and *Beethoven*.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** What's your favorite animal to work with?

**Karl Lewis Miller:** My favorite animal is always the one I'm working with at the time. I have to love them all the same.

**NM:** What kind of animals do you train?

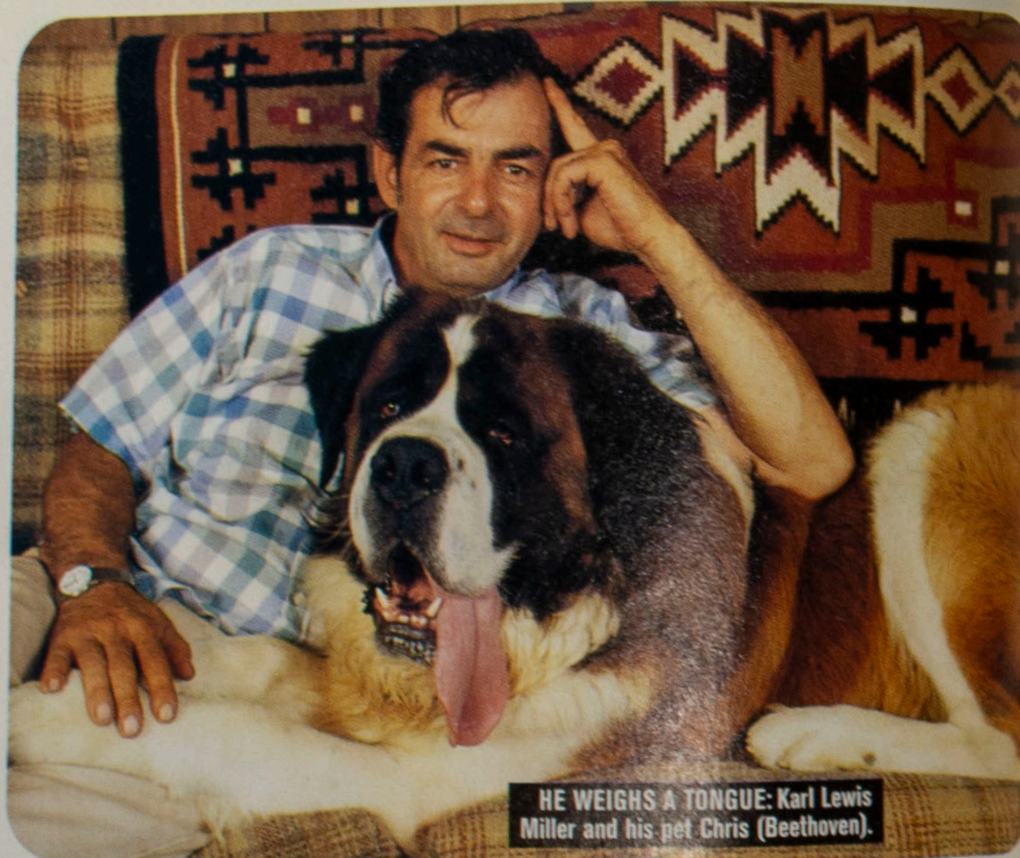
**KLM:** I don't work with anything bigger than me. However, Beethoven comes very close to crossing that line. [Beethoven's real name is Chris, and he's Karl's dog.] I specialize in dogs and domestic cats.

**NM:** Do you have any pets other than Chris?

**KLM:** I have a total of 27 dogs and a dozen cats. Some of my pets are retired actors that are just getting old, and my wife and I have an Amazon parrot, three parakeets, and some fish.



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD: Karl with Fly (the dog) on the set of *Babe*.



HE WEIGHS A TONGUE: Karl Lewis Miller and his pet Chris (Beethoven).

**NM:** Did you have pets as a kid?

**KLM:** I was raised in rural New York as a foster child. I was bounced from foster farm to foster farm. I was a loner kid, and my best friends were the animals: the cows, chickens, horses, dogs, whatever was around.



SWEET: Babe with foster father James Cromwell.

**NM:** Do you prefer the company of animals to the company of humans?

**KLM:** When I was little, I did. Sometimes I still do.

**NM:** How many animals worked on *Babe*?

**KLM:** We had 970 animals to play the parts of 26 animals with speaking parts and 300 sheep in the field.

**NM:** Where did you get the pig for *Babe*?

**KLM:** There wasn't just one pig. We used 48 pigs to play the part of Babe. They came from the same piggery, so

we knew they'd all look alike. All of these pigs went back to the breeders with a promise that they would not go to the table. We were very concerned about that because we did get attached to every one of them.

**NM:** Are pigs smart?

**KLM:** Yes. In 11 weeks, each pig learned the whole movie. I've seen dogs take six months to learn the same amount.

**NM:** Would you ever want a pig as a house pet?

**KLM:** No, because they'll chew furniture, they'll chew your socks, they'll pull your roll of toilet paper all through the house.

**NM:** Will pigs eat anything?

**KLM:** If they're hungry, they'll try to eat anything. I've seen them chew on cans and chew on straws. It's something to do, a boredom thing, no different from a dog chewing on slippers.

**NM:** What animal are you most like?

**KLM:** Probably a dog, because like a dog, I crave people's attention.

**Mark Harden** trained the animals who appeared in movies such as *The Phantom*, *A Little Princess*, and *Dennis the Menace*. He is the animal coordinator at Animal Actors, in Thousand Oaks, California, and has been training animals for 17 years.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** Did you have any pets as a kid?

**Mark Harden:** I had dogs and cats. And I was someone who would find animals and bring them home. I brought home a donkey once.

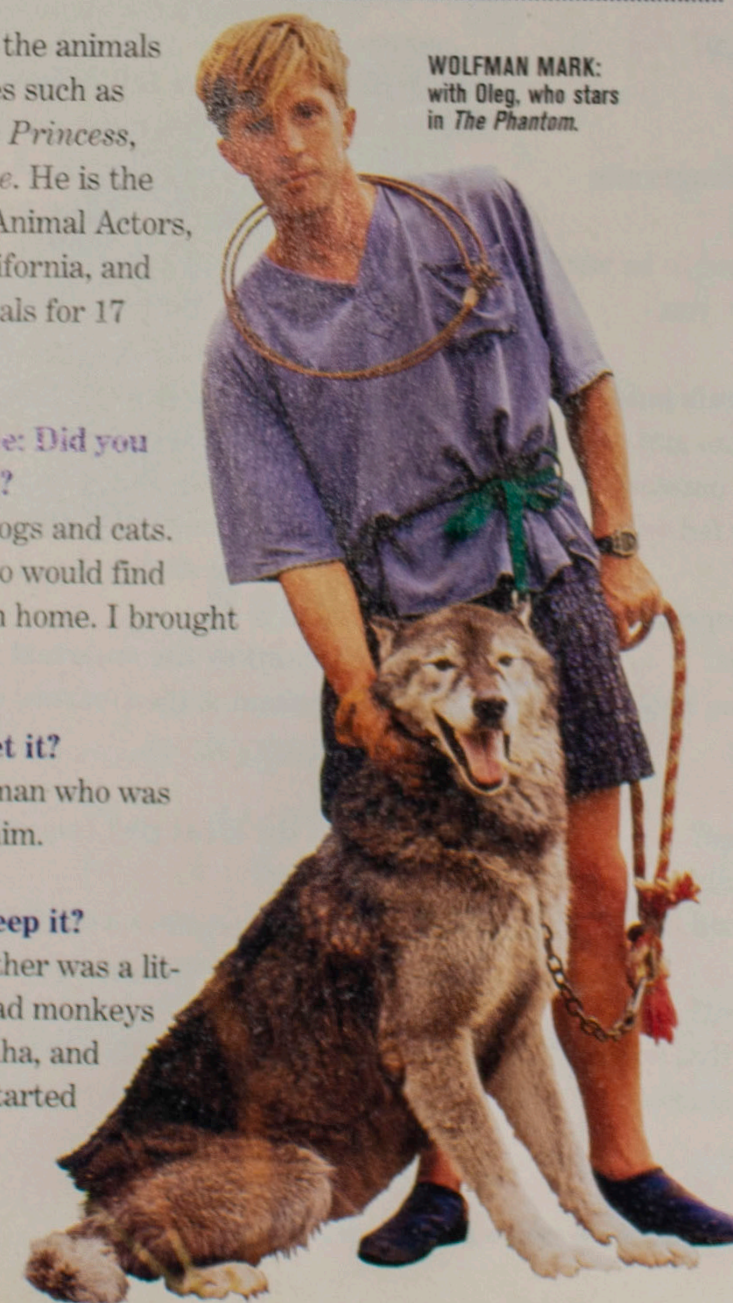
**NM:** Where did you get it?

**MH:** I got him from a man who was too old to take care of him.

**NM:** And you got to keep it?

**MH:** Yes. My grandmother was a little eccentric, and she had monkeys and parrots and a piranha, and that's probably why I started to like weird animals.

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WOLFMAN MARK: with Oleg, who stars in *The Phantom*.

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NM: Are you afraid of any animals?

MH: I'm afraid of almost all animals. But the more you know about them, the better you're able to handle a difficult situation.

NM: Are there basic rules to training animals?

MH: The most basic rule about animal training is to be consistent.

NM: What's the hardest trick you can teach an animal?

MH: Teaching them to learn. Eventually, an animal figures out, "If I do this trick, you like it, I get rewarded, we're both happy." Then the tricks come rapidly.

NM: What's the animal with the biggest ego?

MH: The male lion.



SIT, STAY: Mark and Oleg on *The Phantom* set.

NM: What's the most dangerous animal you've trained?

MH: Leopards. They tend to be very moody. They can turn on you.

NM: How are the animals paid?

MH: They have free room and board, cleaning service, outstanding health care, and they're fed well.

NM: Are dogs more cooperative than any other animal?

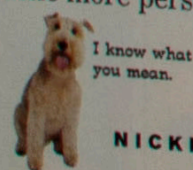
MH: Yes. A dog is special because it wants to work for you.

NM: Are actor dogs different from pet dogs?

MH: An actor dog needs to be spunky. Usually a good pet dog wants to behave more—it's more inhibited.

NM: Are some dogs born with acting talent?

MH: To a degree, some dogs are born with that spark. They seem to be born with a little more personality.



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MONKEY BUSINESS: Mark and Shayna, a capuchin monkey.

NM: What's the hardest thing to get a cat to do?

MH: To fetch.

NM: How do you reward a cat?

MH: Food and strictly food. Not affection.

NM: Have there been animal on-set romances?

MH: Monkeys fall in love with their trainers. They'll fall in love with anybody.

NM: Has a monkey ever been in love with you?

MH: Yes. I have to work very hard at convincing my monkeys *not* to fall in love with me while we're working.

NM: Why do monkeys fall in love?

MH: We try to raise the monkeys as a group, and the trainers are the leaders, and the closer a monkey is to the leader, the better standing it has in the group.

NM: Is it true that monkeys work for peanuts?

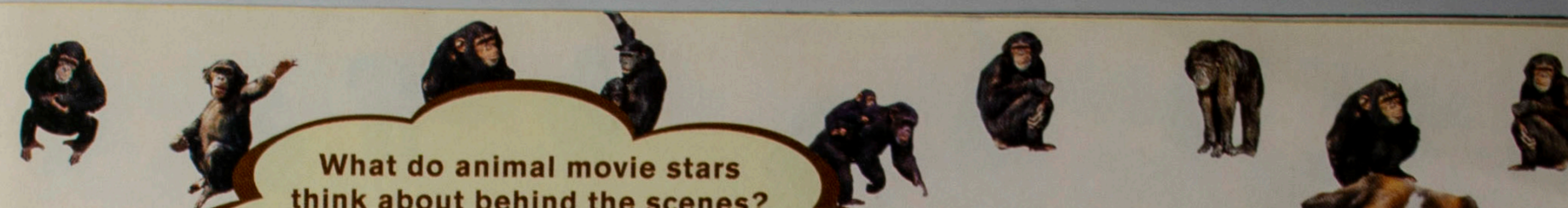
MH: That and many other things. As long as it's not just their everyday food. I love working with the monkeys because we like the same stuff: sweet cereals, pudding, potato chips. I have to make sure they're getting their nutrition first and then the goodies, because otherwise they'd eat junk food all day. And I would too.

NM: Is the monkey the smartest animal you train?

MH: The elephant is the smartest land mammal, but monkeys are very smart.

NM: What's the strangest request you've gotten as an animal trainer?

MH: I was asked to train a hawk to swoop down and pick up a man. I was holding the hawk on my arm and I said, "How do you expect this bird to do that? He weighs seven pounds." He couldn't carry a man. He couldn't even carry G.I. Joe.

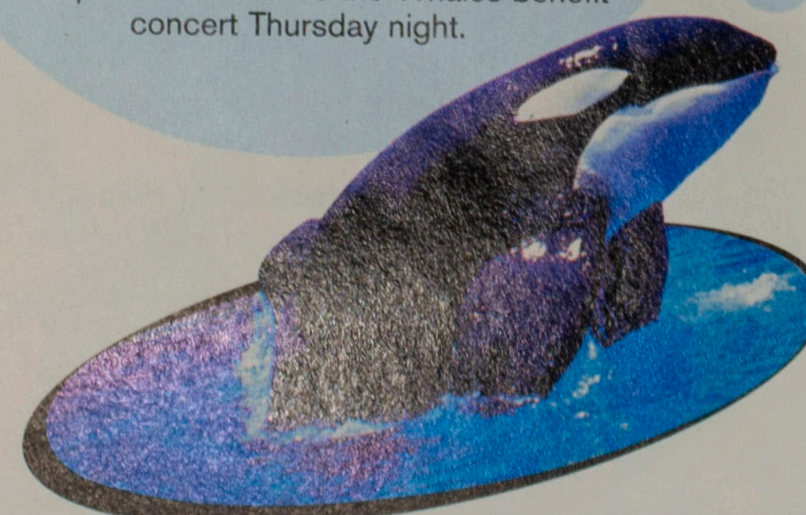


What do animal movie stars think about behind the scenes?

## Inside the Brain of...

### Willy

I want to *tank* all the little people.  
Hey, baby, what's your sign? I'm an aquarium.  
There's something fishy about my contract.  
I really dove into my last role.  
No spouting on the set.  
I should try out for MTV's *The Whale World*.  
Remember: Don't return Captain Ahab's calls.  
I'll make a splash with my next film.  
Pick up tux for the Save-the-Whales benefit concert Thursday night.



### Babe

I can't find my pen.  
I'd love to work with Kevin Bacon.  
My goal is to play *Hamlet*.  
I'm dying for a mud mask.  
I can't wait to pig out after the next scene.  
Sometimes, acting is a real *boar*.  
I wish the tabloids would stop slinging mud at me.  
Now that I'm a big star, could I get a meeting with Miss Piggy?  
Who's cuter—me or Jim Carrey?



### Beethoven

I'm being groomed for stardom.  
I want a role I can really sink my teeth into.  
My agent takes too big a bite out of my salary.  
Maybe I should get a tail-lift.  
I need to bone up on the script.  
Hope the critics don't bury my next movie.  
I'm glad I no longer have to beg for work.  
See if Lassie is free for dinner next week.  
I love my slob—I mean job.







# BEST OF THE BEASTS

There are more than one million known animal species in the world. Here are unusual facts about some of them.



## THE LONG...

Stick insects are **the longest insects**. They can grow to nearly 18 inches in length.

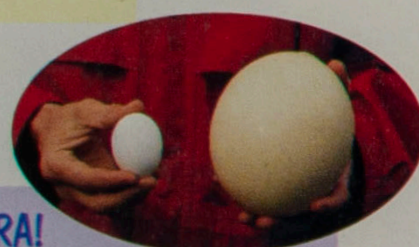
Anacondas are **the longest snakes**. One was measured to be 31 feet 6 inches long (almost twice the length of a car).

## EATING AND SLEEPING

The **hungriest animal** is probably the shrew. This small, mole-like mammal eats more than its own weight in food each day. If it doesn't eat for one day, it will die.

Some opossums, armadillos (right), and sloths are **very sleepy**. They snooze for about 80 percent of their lives.

Dolphins, porpoises, and other members of the Cetacean family **never sleep**.



## EGG-STRA! EGG-STRA!

Ostriches lay **the biggest bird eggs** (above right, next to a chicken egg). Their eggs are about twice the size of a baseball.

Ocean sunfish **lay the most eggs at one time**: 30 million.

## ...AND SHORT OF IT

Bee hummingbirds are **the smallest birds**. They're about two inches long and weigh less than a dime.

Hog-nosed bats are **the smallest mammals**. They're about the size of your thumb (1 1/4 inches long).

Adult mayflies have **the shortest life span of any insect**. They live only one day. Some live only a few hours.

The **smallest monkey** is the pygmy marmoset (right). It's less than six inches long—excluding its tail—and weighs about four ounces. These tiny primates can curl around a human finger.



## HANDLE WITH CARE

The electric eel is **the most electrifying fish**. It can give off a charge of 500 volts, enough to kill another fish.

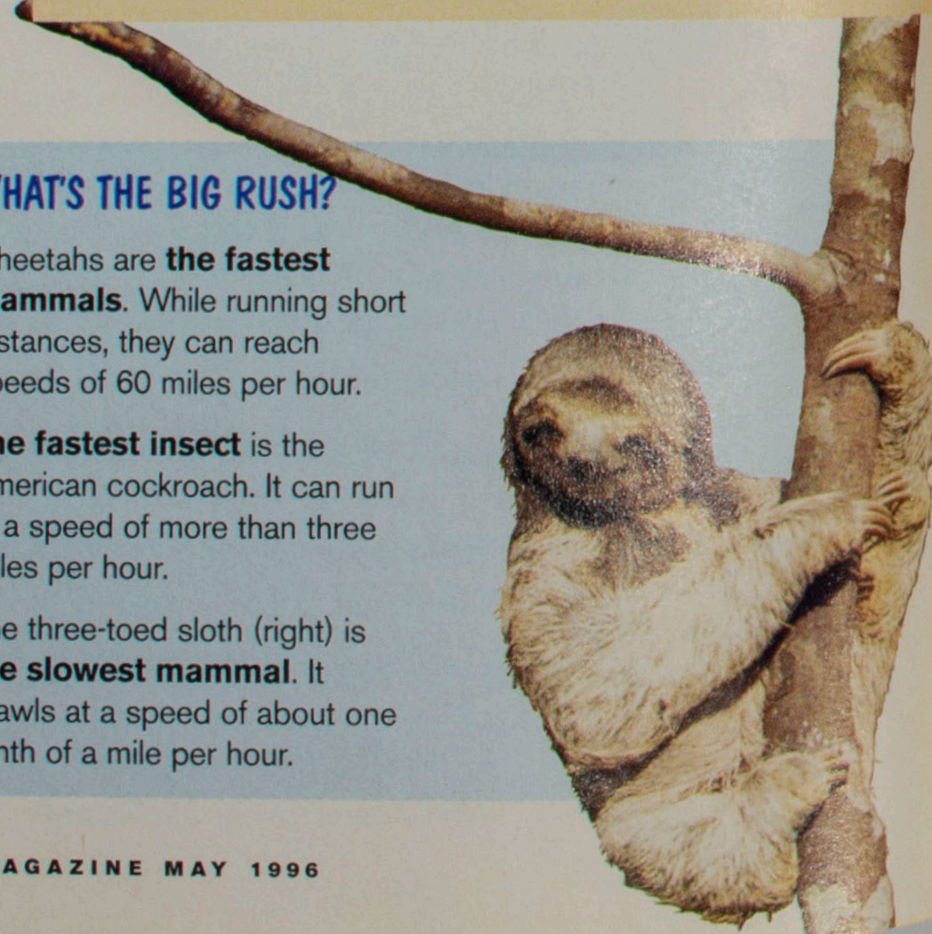
The African elephant has **the longest tusk**—it can grow to be more than 10 feet long.

## WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH?

Cheetahs are **the fastest mammals**. While running short distances, they can reach speeds of 60 miles per hour.

The **fastest insect** is the American cockroach. It can run at a speed of more than three miles per hour.

The three-toed sloth (right) is **the slowest mammal**. It crawls at a speed of about one tenth of a mile per hour.



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# Don't Call Me a Pig!

by Becky Burcham 

Some animals have tricky names—like the guinea pig. It's not a pig, it's a rodent.



Take this quiz, and see if you can match the animal name on the left with the type of animal on the right. We also included two fake animal names in the list. Can you spot them?



1. Safety Seal

2. Titmouse

3. Prairie Dog

4. Seahorse

5. Pit Bull

6. Horned Toad

7. Sacred Cow

8. Sea Wasp

9. Velvet Ant

10. Koala Bear

a. Bird

b. Wasp

c. Marsupial

d. Jellyfish

e. Lizard

f. Fish

g. Dog

h. Rodent

Answers on page 55.

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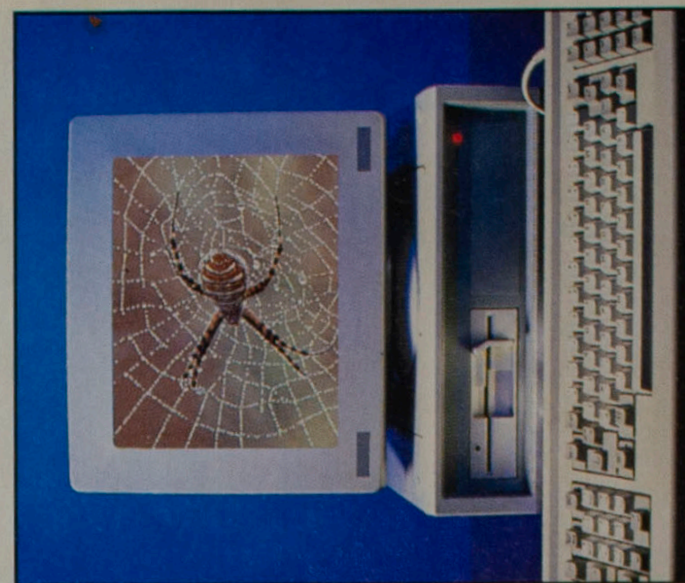
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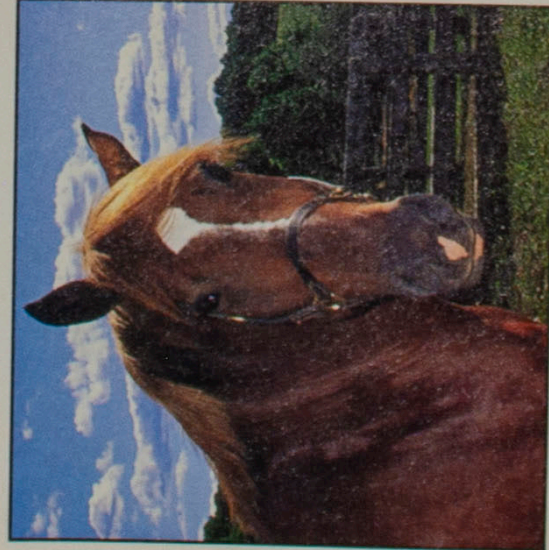
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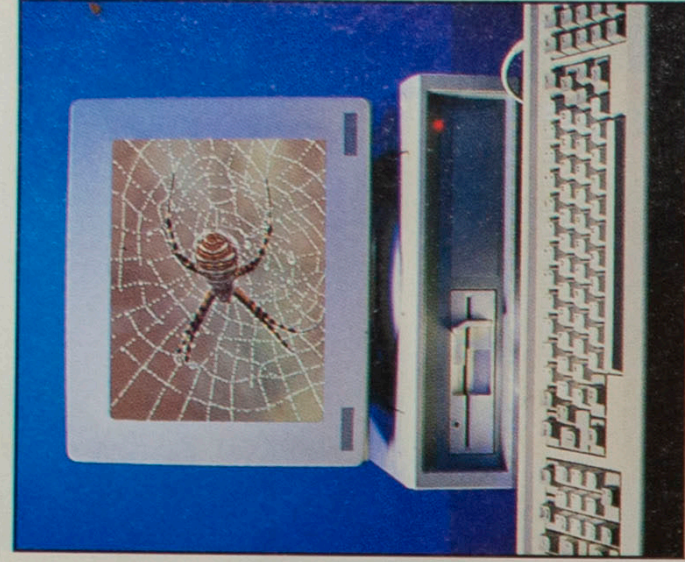
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Cold-Blooded Gossip  
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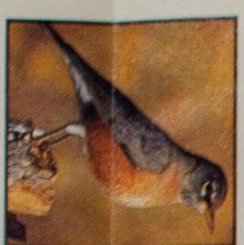
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FOLLOW YOUR NOSE Today, supermodel Cindy Crawford launches her new perfume, Mole.

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THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM



In other movie news, many hungry stars are in a tailspin today after the announcement that everyone's favorite birdbrain, Robin Williams, will make *Mrs. Doubtfire II*. We hear Raven-Symone and Ethan Hawke will have parts.

EDITORIAL

Hawks and Doves Must Gather

The end of peace talks between hawks and doves leaves many wondering: What is the next step? Yes, these two groups have been in a flap longer than even the best elephant can remember. But they must not let the

good work of the past few weeks go flying out the window all because of a few ruffled feathers. Peace can and must be reached. We urge both groups to go back to the bargaining feeder before war breaks out again.

The Etta-quette Column

BY ETTA THE EMU



Dear Etta,

My neighbor, a rooster, crows at the crack of dawn. I'm losing sleep. Should I speak to him or just call the cops?

Signed,  
A Pig in a Poke

Dear Poke,

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Dear Etta,

My husband is an armadillo. He gets very defensive at times. How can I break through his emotional armor?

Signed,  
In a Rough Spot

Dear Spot,

Next time he rolls into a ball, show him you care, and he'll come out of his shell.

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Every time I try to talk to my girlfriend, she bites my head off!

Signed,  
Praying Mantis Mate

Dear Mate,

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long, skinny  
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Neigh!

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Neigh!

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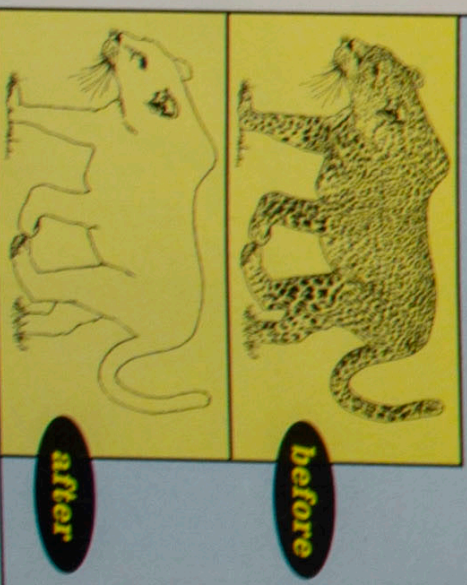
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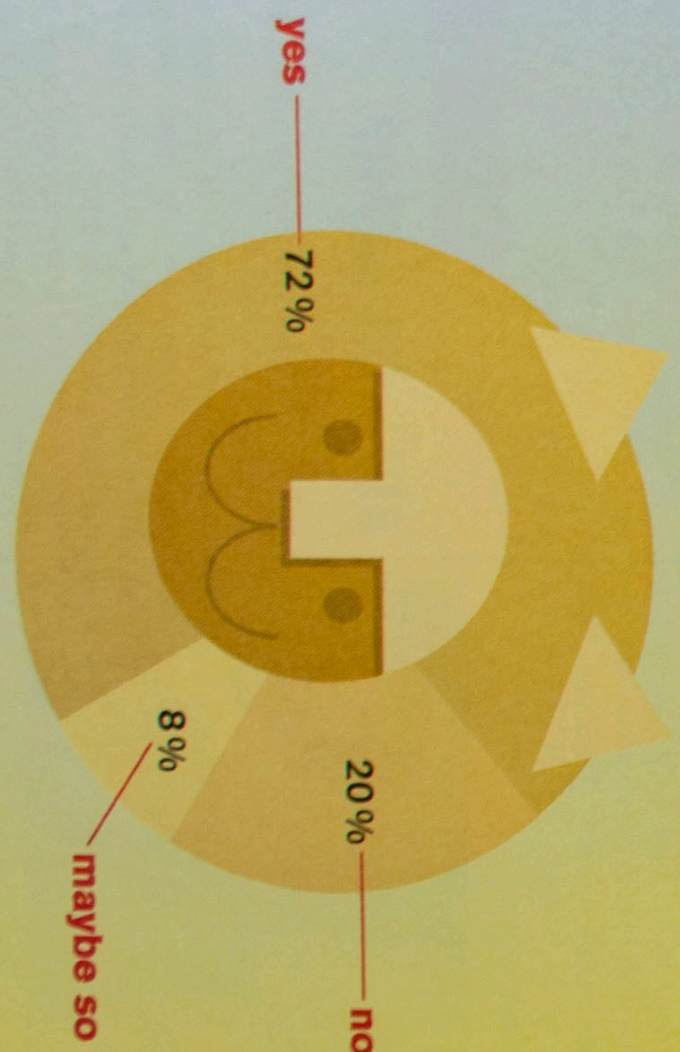
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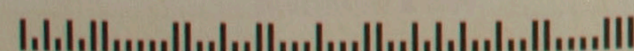
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Foreign Languages	A
Elocution	A+

Comments: Often talks back in class, but is a crackerjack student.

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Student: Camille Chameleon

Art	A
Hiding	A

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Stomping	A
Surviving	F

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# It's FURRY Confusing

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Can you tell gophers from groundhogs and beavers from badgers? Sort out these critters by matching each animal name to a furry face. Read their rhyming lines for clues. Then put the correct letter next to the name. Answers on page 55.

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| 1. Beaver ____     | 5. Opossum ____                              | 8. Prairie Dog ____ |
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| 3. Guinea Pig ____ | 7. Groundhog ____<br>(also called Woodchuck) | 10. Gopher ____     |
| 4. Hamster ____    |  |                     |

A



I'm a marsupial,  
that's what I said.  
I'm quite well known  
for playing dead.

B



A great big rodent  
is what I am.  
I keep busy  
with my dam.

C



Although I am  
without a tail,  
at the pet store,  
I'm on sale.

Did you know  
I like to bark?  
I find digging  
quite a lark.

D



E



Down my forehead  
runs a stripe.  
My fighting power  
is no hype.

F



I like to run  
inside a wheel  
and stuff my face  
at every meal.

G



I have a pouch  
inside each cheek.  
Crops are what I  
often seek.

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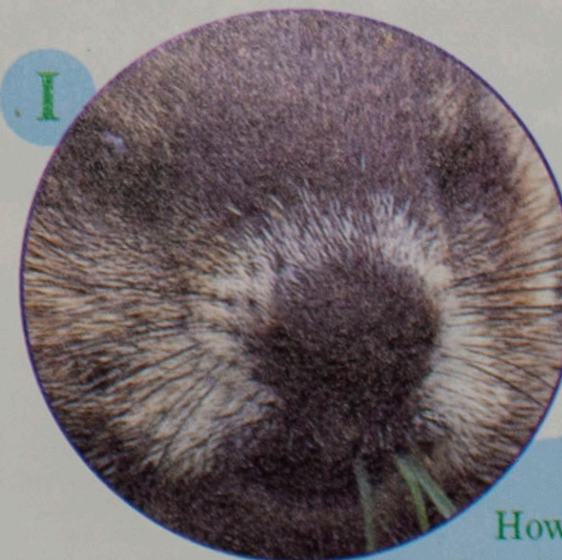


I can swim  
and dive quite well.  
From my glands  
comes a strong smell.

I can't figure  
these snout.



I



How long does  
the winter last?  
Depends on how  
my shadow is cast.

J



I am fond  
of climbing trees.  
Nuts are what  
I like to seize.





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BY ANDY COWLEY & PAT MORIARTY

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MOM! I'M HOME!

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WHY?

IT'S JUST THAT ALL OF KOBALT'S SWITCHES AND CIRCUITS AND STUFF ARE UNFAMILIAR! SAM HAS TO PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY!

WHY?

SIGH...

LOOK, ZOQ ... YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY REMEMBER ALL THIS, BECAUSE KOBALT ATE YOUR MEMORY CHIPS! PLEASE JUST TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON BEING QUIET!

CHECK!

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VERY VERY QUIET!

VERY VERY VERY QUIET!

HEY SAM!

EYOW!

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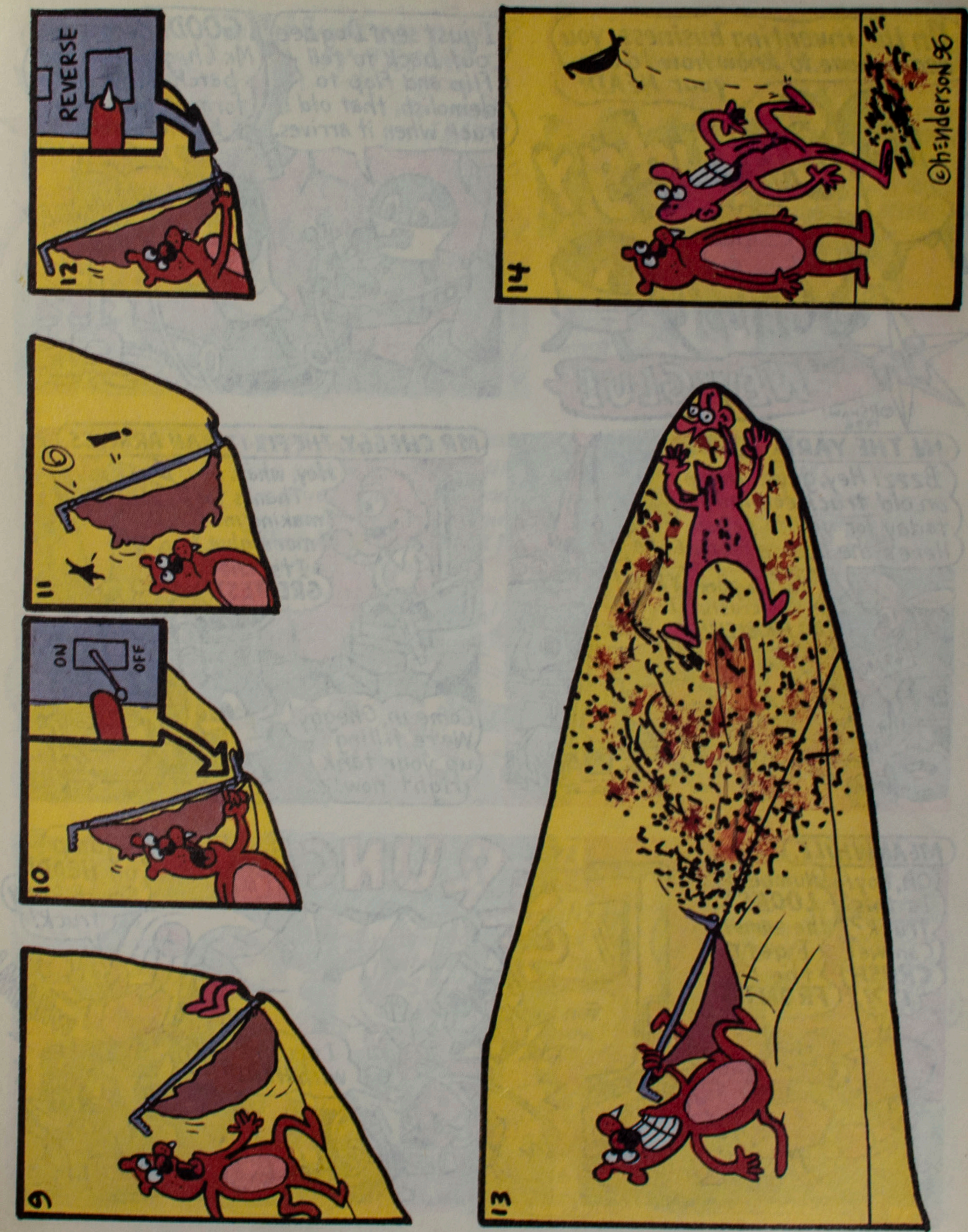
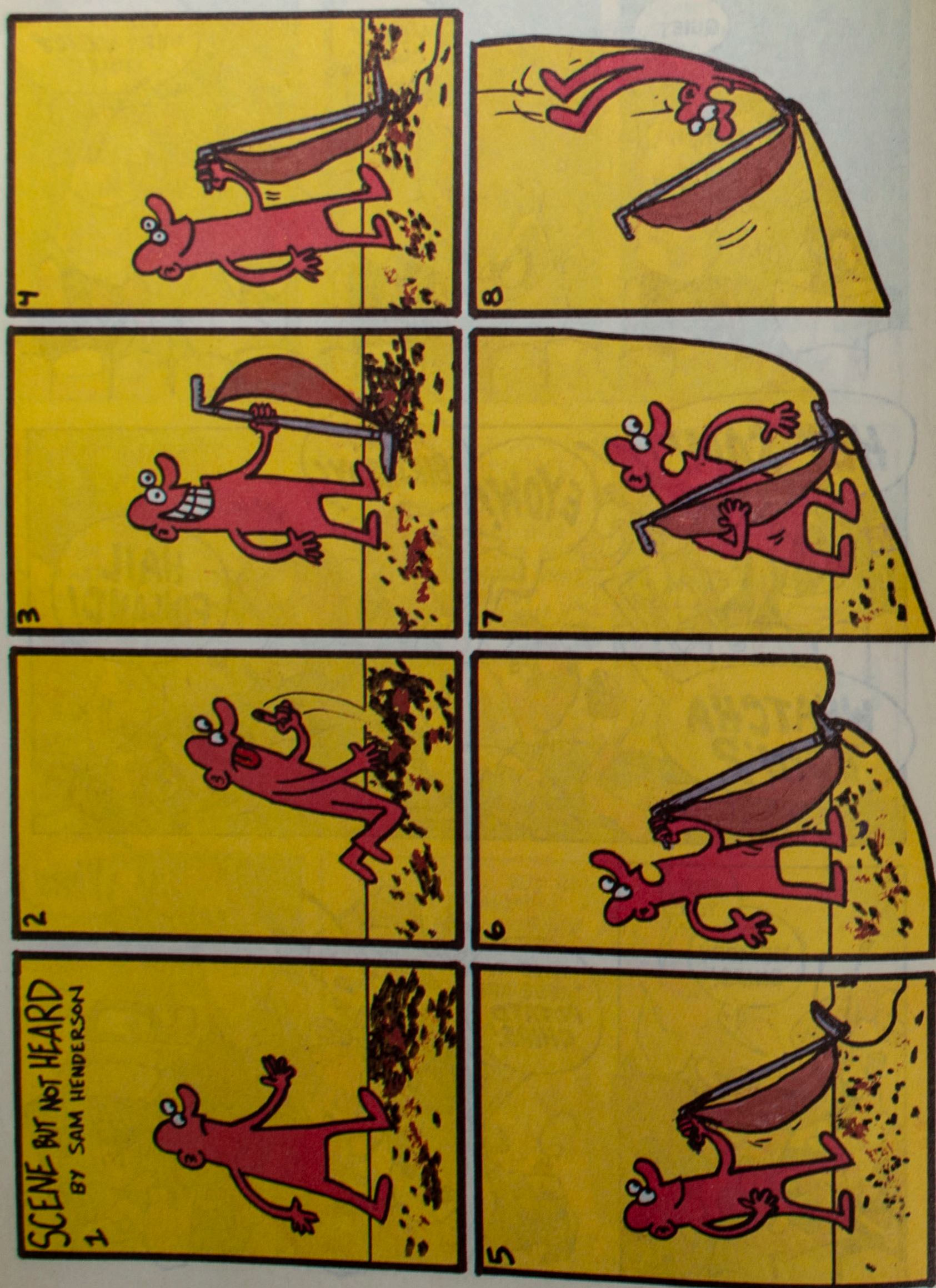
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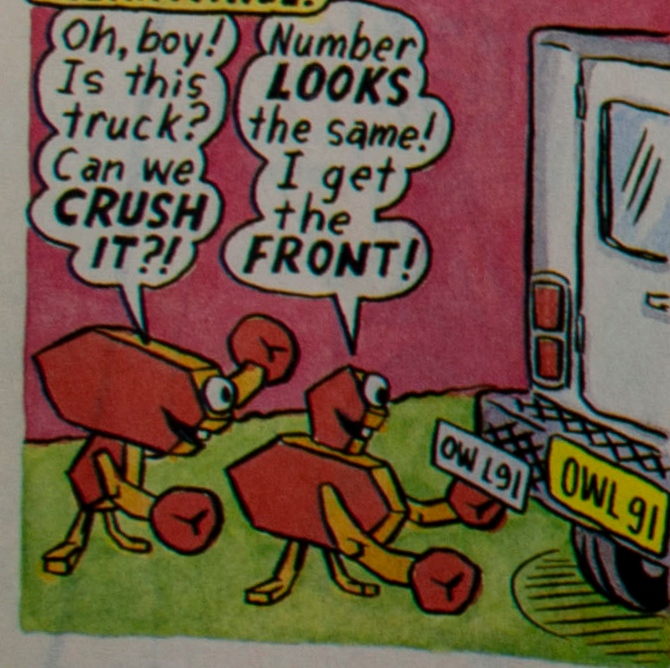
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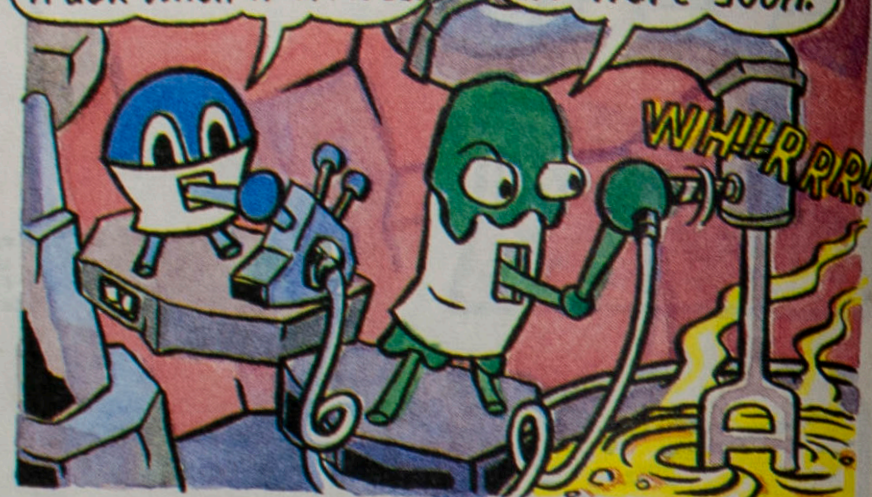
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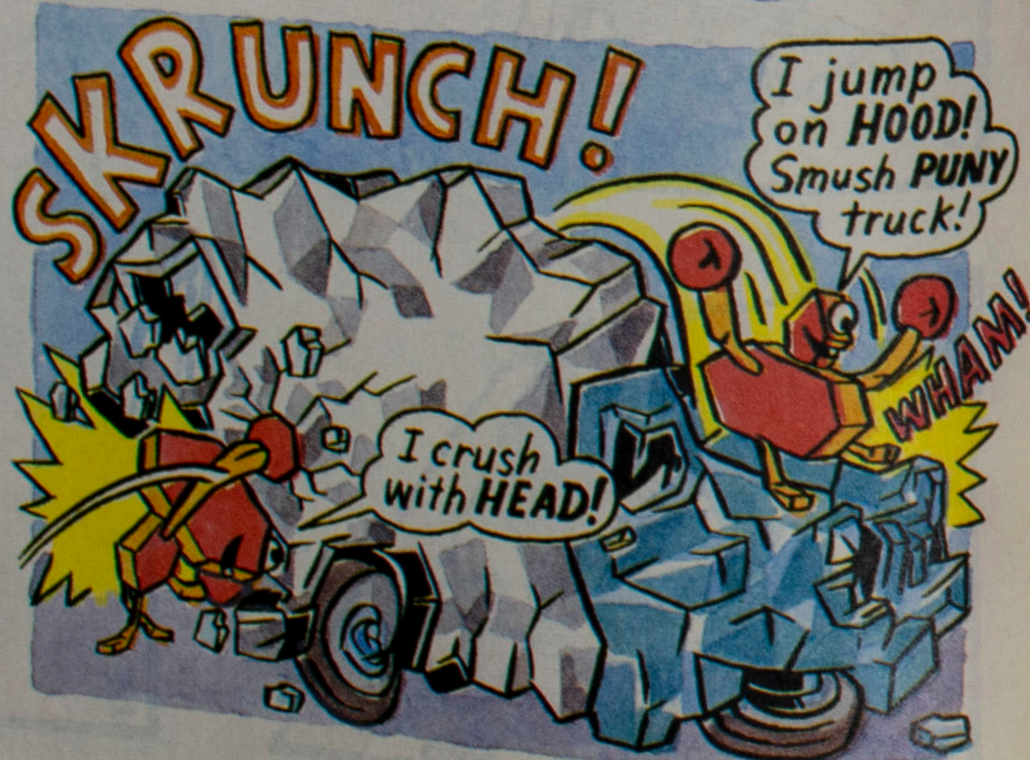
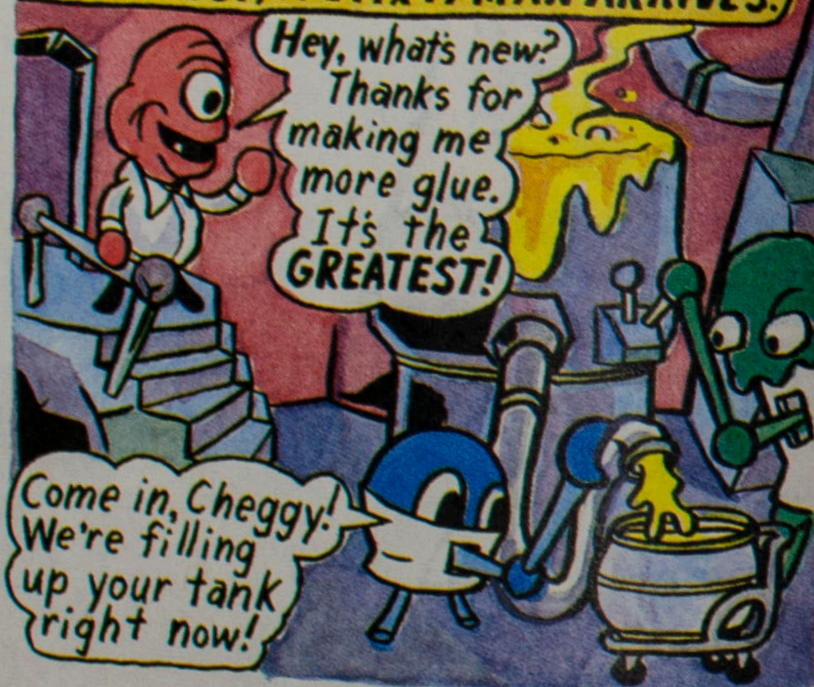
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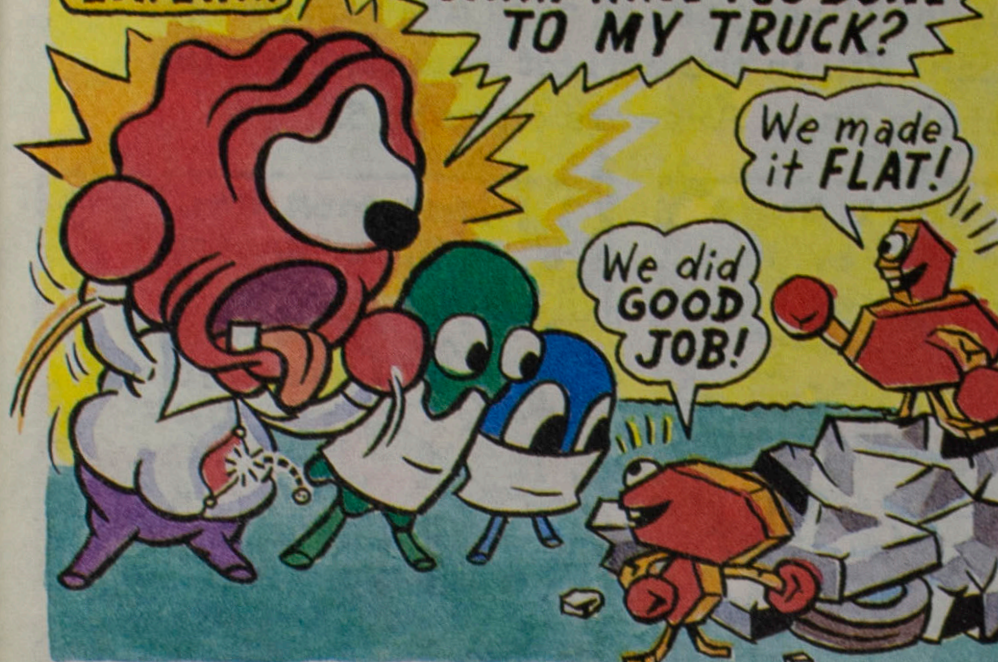


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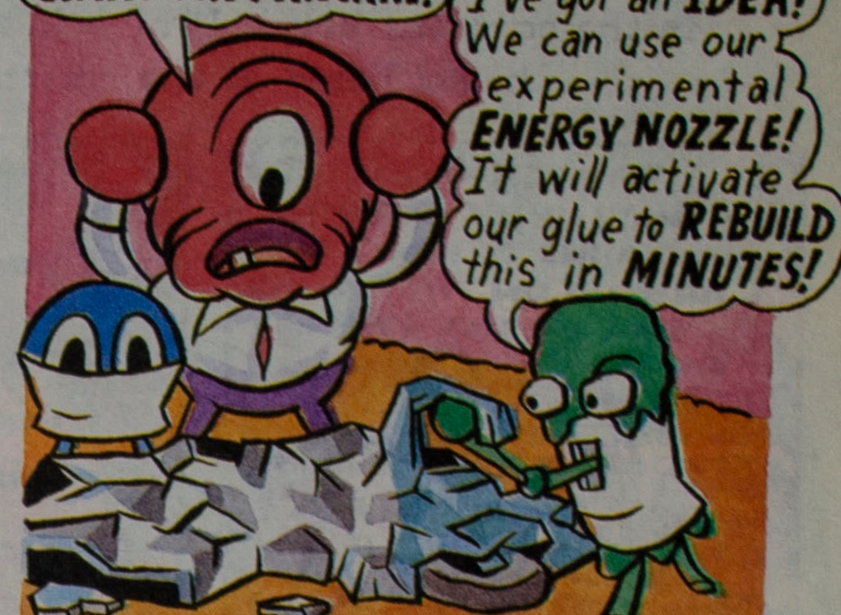


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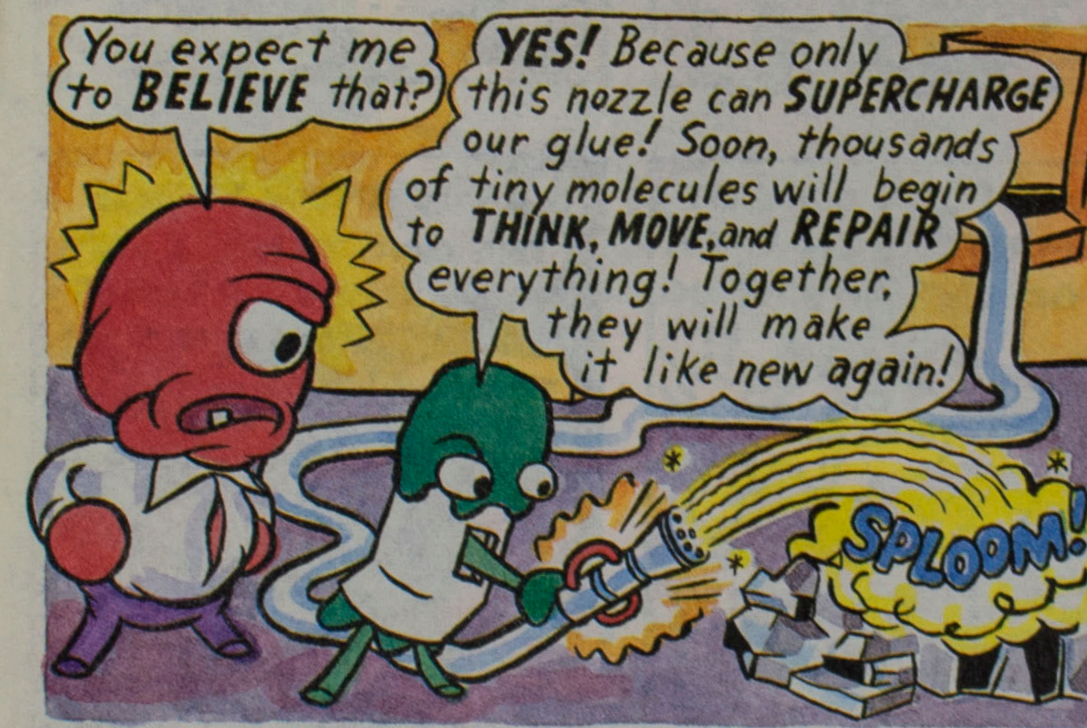
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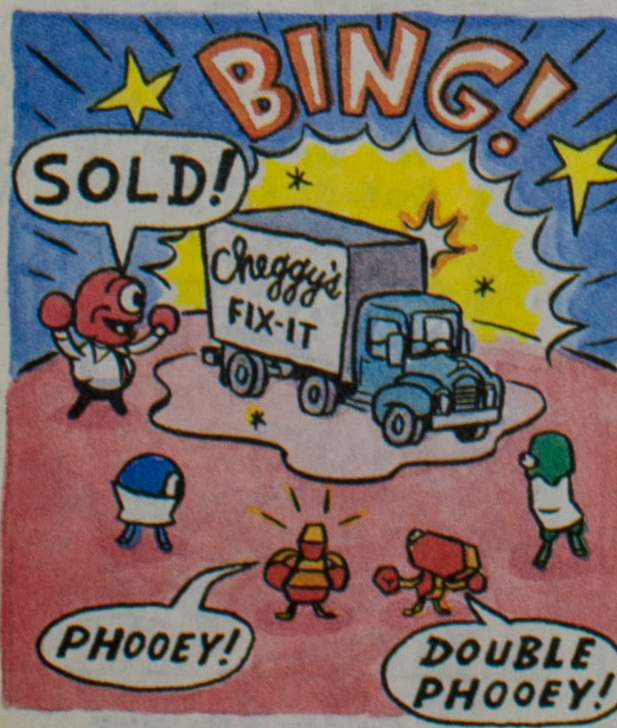
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You expect me to BELIEVE that?



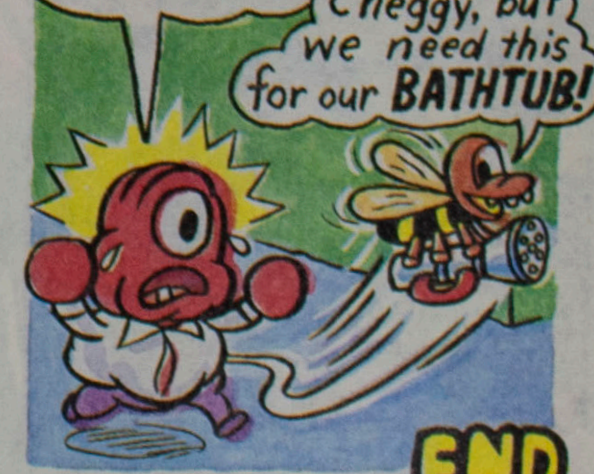
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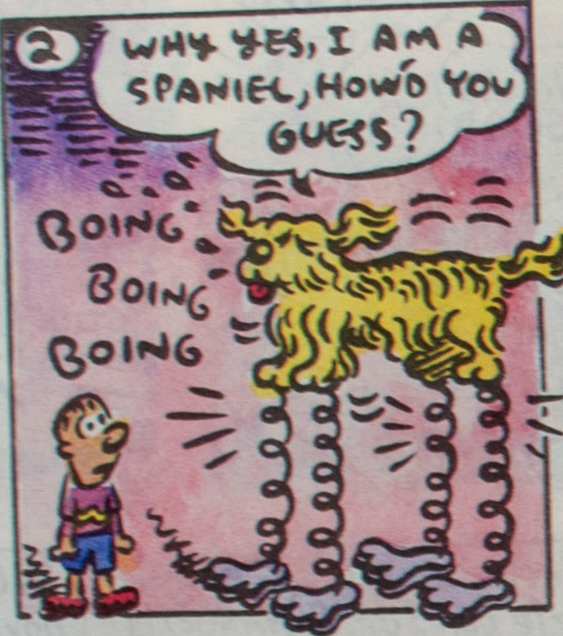
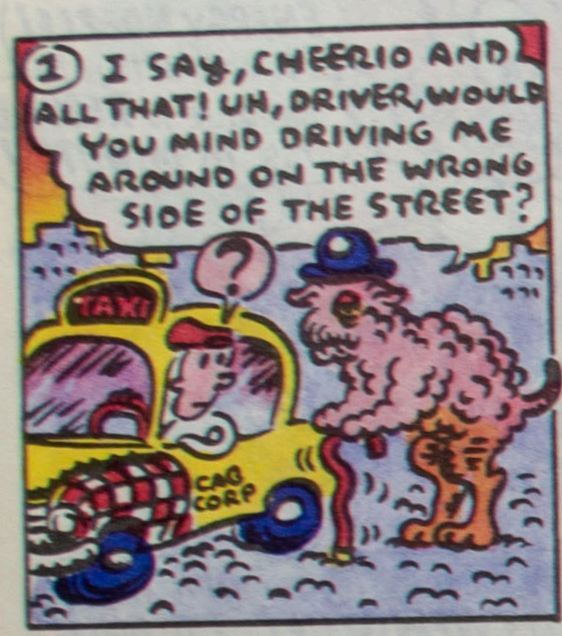


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# NAME THAT DOG BREED!

How well do you know your dog breeds? Nine types of dogs are represented in the cartoons below. Which is which? Fill in the correct number for each breed listed at the bottom of the page. Answers on page 55.



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| — Springer Spaniel     | — Miniature Schnauzer | — Golden Retriever |
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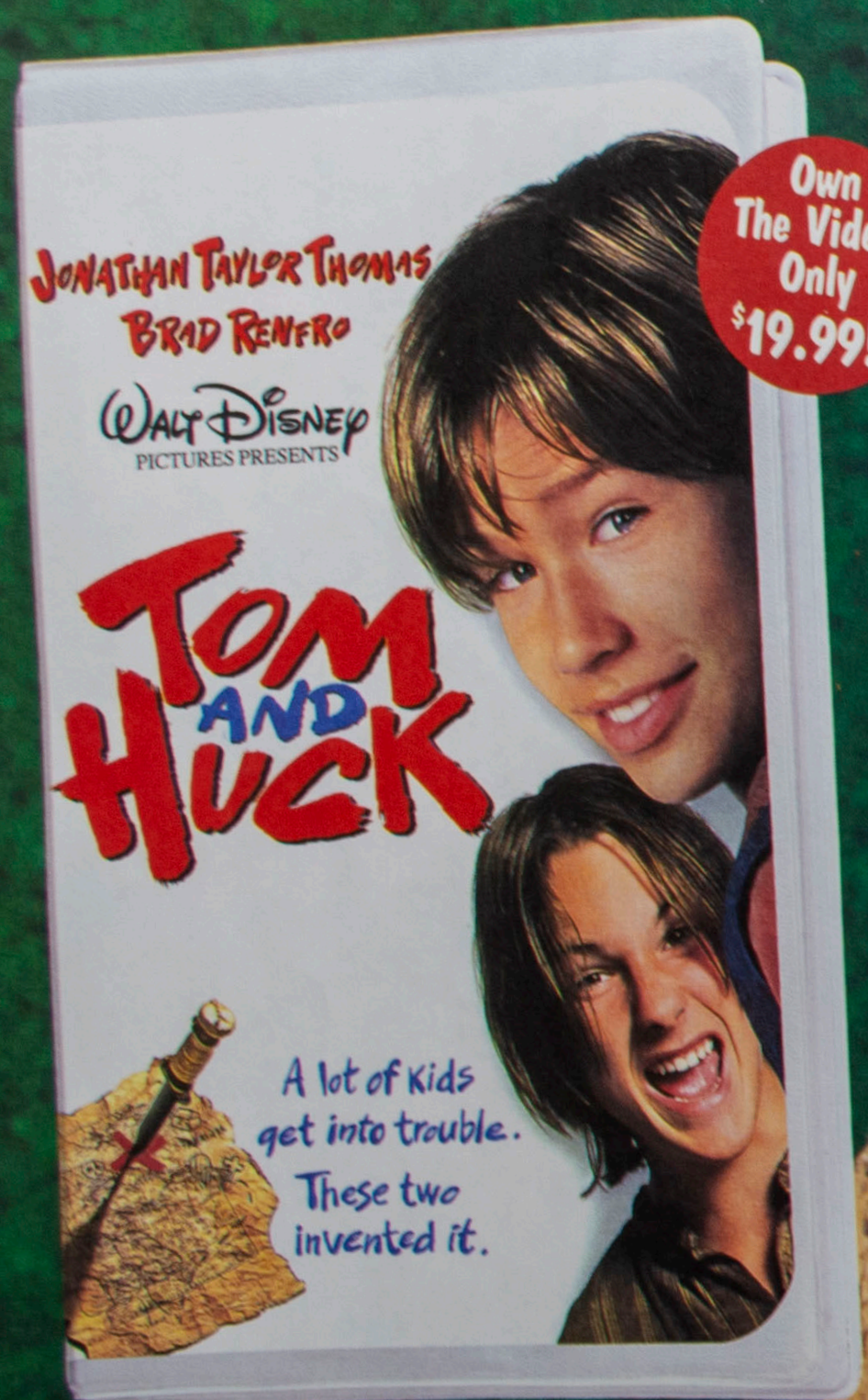
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## Real Roadrunners Don't Say "Beep! Beep!"



by Stacey Bowers and Amanda Voss

Have you spent so much time with video-game animals that you've forgotten what *real* animals are like? Maybe it's time you left the house, got some fresh air, and checked out the actual critters. Our chart will help you tell the natural from the digital.

### THE VIDEO-GAME ANIMAL : THE REAL ANIMAL



Sonic the Hedgehog

**Sonic the Hedgehog** curls into a ball and runs really fast.

A **hedgehog** curls into a ball and just sits there.

**Donkey Kong** throws loads of barrels.

A **gorilla** goes through loads of food.

**Biker Mice From Mars** run around on motorcycles and pop wheelies.

A **mouse** runs around inside squeaky wheels.

**Bubsy Bobcat** hunts and collects trading cards.

A **bobcat** hunts and collects prey.

**Aero the Acro-bat** sometimes likes to eat suckers.

Some **bats** like to suck blood.

**Road Runner** says Beep! Beep!

A **roadrunner** coos.

**Ecco the Dolphin** uses sound waves to push crystals around.

A **dolphin** uses sound waves to locate objects underwater.

**Ardy Light Foot** wraps a cloak around himself to stay hidden.

A **fox** wraps its tail around itself to stay warm.

**Earthworm Jim** can use his head as a hook.

An **earthworm's** head often ends up on a hook.



Diddy and Donkey Kong



Biker Mice From Mars



Bubsy Bobcat



Ardy Light Foot



Ardy's friend Pec



Do any of them bite?



Ecco the Dolphin





# Read *Between the Lions*

The people in this story don't realize it, but they're surrounded by animals. Fifty animals are hiding here—and you have to look very closely to find them. For example, in the first line, "hen" is hidden in the word "when." Hint: Punctuation and spaces between words don't count, and neither do capital letters.

We underlined the first four animals to get you started. (We didn't count any insects because they bug us.) See if you can find the rest by looking at the list of animals on the right. *Answers on page 55.*

Leo was watering plants in his yard when his next-door neighbor Jack crept up behind him and said, "Leo, pardon me."

"O, drat," said Leo, spilling water.

"That was not terribly bright of me, was it?" Jack said. "Are you picking those flowers?"

"No, I'm not. I germinate these dandelions."

Jack knew that Rich Rafferty, from down the street, grew mushrooms. "Have you seen the fungi Rafferty's growing?"

"No, I haven't, Jack," Leo said, remembering the gardening contest he'd lost. Rich Rafferty had beaten him.

From inside his house, Jack's daughter Amanda called out, "Where is the frying pan, Daddy? Wolfgang Kang called and he wants it back."

"It's on the mahogany table," her father said. "And look, there's a blimp in the sky!"

"I can't see it. Anyway, I'll call him back," she said.

"No, I'll call, Amanda," Jack said. "I have to tell Mr. Kang a root fell in it—a turnip root. And there's a crust of goo settling on it, and I want to clean the pan before returning it."

"Your daughter is a real do-gooder," Leo whispered to Jack. "And she's not cowardly about it either."

"Yes, she can be a real angel," said Jack, looking up to the sky. "Hey, where's that blimp? Alas, it's gone."

Leo didn't see anything in the sky, but he did see Ms. Sally Terwilliger driving up Route One. Leo knew that she was going to mention the CDs she'd lent him. She was wearing her sister's almond-colored robe, but people had seen her once in the buff a long time ago, as naked as one could be. Many years before, Jack had wanted to run away with her, but Sal Terwilliger was as tough as nails. She told him, "I can't elope with you."

She said to Jack now, "I can't believe how much Leo enjoys gardening."



Jack said, "Sal, a man derives pleasure from many things."

"Hey, Ms. Terwilliger, bill me for those CDs I borrowed," said Leo. "I know it's been too long, but my Japanese stereo is broken."

Jack said, "I thought that 10-year super-ninja guarantee covers everything."

Leo said, "I thought so, too, but the store wouldn't fix it. Jackaroo, stereos are made to be broken."

"Well, my VCR's broken," Jack said. "The slow motion won't work."

"Instead of the slo-mo, use the 'pause' button," Ms. Terwilliger suggested.

"Or maybe I'll just kick it!" he whipped in retort. "O, I see...maybe the 'pause' button will work."

"Jack always has trouble with machines," Leo said. "In Japan there's a service center. They'll fix anything. Maybe Jack should move there."

"Ha! Ms. Terwilliger, Leo's always joking," said Jack. "But speaking of moving, are you still planning to move to Maine?"

"Yes, I am," replied Ms. Terwilliger. "I've always wanted to live in Maine. In the newspaper I saw a farm ad. I'll open a bed-and-breakfast with my

sister Adele who already lives there."

"Is she the sister who's crazy about the theater?" asked Leo.

"O my, yes. Poor Adele. *Phantom of the Opera* is her favorite. She's seen it 20 times! She goes with Rabbi Tannenbaum. When I move to Bangor, I'll attend the theater, too. Tickets are cheaper than you think. O well, ta ta."

Suddenly they heard a noise. Ms. Terwilliger said, "Ouch! I think I felt a bone in my hip pop. O, ta. Must be going now."

And with that, she drove away, her car fading to a dim blur. Leo and Jack shared a view of the sunset. Route One seemed to disappear in the red eerie glow of what was left of the day.



## The hidden animals in the order which they appear.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. hen (first of three)  | 26. antelope              |
| 2. leopard               | 27. salamander            |
| 3. rat                   | 28. gerbil                |
| 4. otter                 | 29. jaguar                |
| 5. tiger                 | 30. rooster               |
| 6. lion                  | 31. mouse                 |
| 7. newt (first of two)   | 32. tortoise              |
| 8. giraffe               | 33. jackal                |
| 9. ostrich               | 34. panther               |
| 10. ram                  | 35. hamster               |
| 11. panda                | 36. swan                  |
| 12. wolf                 | 37. hen (second of three) |
| 13. hog                  | 38. ape (first of two)    |
| 14. llama                | 39. armadillo             |
| 15. kangaroo             | 40. elephant              |
| 16. goose                | 41. rabbit                |
| 17. dog                  | 42. hen (third of three)  |
| 18. cow                  | 43. gorilla               |
| 19. bear                 | 44. ape (second of two)   |
| 20. impala               | 45. hippopotamus          |
| 21. newt (second of two) | 46. toad                  |
| 22. salmon               | 47. hare                  |
| 23. buffalo              | 48. trout                 |
| 24. snake                | 49. deer                  |
| 25. snail                | 50. eft                   |







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5 Mother's Day No gifts, no substitutes!	6 No Socks Day This day really stinks.	7 Candice Bergen born, 1946 Spend a dime a minute.	8 Minnesota becomes the 32nd state, 1858 Root for the Minnesota Twins.
9 The first enclosed baseball field opens in Brooklyn, New York, 1862 Go home.	10 Janet Jackson born, 1966 Take control!	11 International Pickle Week begins Don't be so sour.	12 Frank Capra, movie director, born, 1897 He had a wonderful life.
13 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle born, 1859 Then they brought him Holmes.	14 South Carolina becomes the 8th state, 1788 Nothing could be fine-ah.	15 Brooklyn Bridge opens, 1883 Want to buy it?	16 Ralph Waldo Emerson born, 1803 They found Waldo today.
17 Joseph Guillotin, namesake of the guillotine, born, 1738 Don't stick your neck out.	18 Rhode Island becomes the 13th state, 1790 It was an act of Providence.	19 Lincoln Memorial dedicated, 1922 Three score and 14 years ago.	20 Walt Whitman, poet, born, 1819 Leaf through the grass.
21 Memorial Day Relish it.	22 John Wayne born, 1907 From cowboy to cowboy.	23 Atlantic Ocean, 1932 That's the plane truth.	24 A flower illustration.

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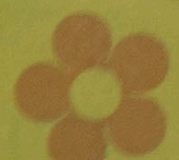
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# May

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 5 Baseball's first perfect game pitched by Cy Young, 1904. He was pitcher perfect.	 6 Sigmund Freud born, 1856. Did he come shrink-wrapped?	 7 National Teacher Day. Accept no substitutes!	 8 No Socks Day. This day really stinks.	2 Leonardo da Vinci dies, 1519. Mona Lisa stops smiling.	3 Full moon. Beware of werewolves!	4 Audrey Hepburn born, 1929. Have breakfast at Tiffany's.
12 Florence Nightingale born, 1820. Was there a nurse present?	13 Only 38 days till summer begins.	14 Lewis and Clark expedition begins, 1804. Explore your backyard.	15 The first enclosed baseball field opens in Brooklyn, New York, 1862. Go home.	16 Janet Jackson born, 1966. Take control.	10 First transcontinental railroad in the U.S. is completed, 1869. Make tracks.	11 Minnesota becomes the 32nd state, 1858. Root for the Minnesota Twins.
19 Have a sundae on Sunday.	20 Amelia Earhart completes solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean, 1932. That's the plane truth.	21 Zodiac sign Gemini begins. Root for the Minnesota Twins...again.	22 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle born, 1859. Then they brought him Holmes.	23 South Carolina becomes the 8th state, 1788. Nothing could be fine-ah.	17 International Pickle Week begins. Don't be so sour.	18 Frank Capra, movie director, born, 1897. He had a wonderful life.
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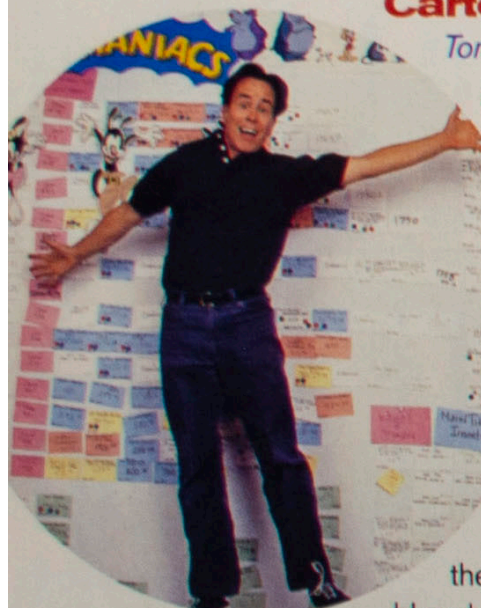


# The Brainiacs Behind the Animaniacs

Yakko, Wakko, and Dot are the stars of **Steven Spielberg Presents Animaniacs**. Who's behind these smart-talking characters?  
**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Andrew Santella found out.**

## Cartoonus Creatorus

**Tom Ruegger** is the senior producer of Animaniacs.



**Nickelodeon Magazine:** Just what kind of animals are the Animaniacs? Are they cats or mice?

**Tom Ruegger:** They are cartoon characters. That's their species. Cartoonus characterus. When we were developing the show, they were three little blue ducks that drove adults crazy.

Their names were Yakky, Smakky, and Wakky. But we thought Disney had already done a lot with ducks. So we gave them red noses, instead of a beak. And we decided we wanted one of them to be a girl, so we made Smakky into Dot. Yakky became Yakko, and Wakky became Wakko.

**NM:** Are the characters based on anyone you know?  
**TR:** Yes, my three sons, Nathan, Luke, and Cody.

**NM:** Can you describe what a producer does?  
**TR:** In my case, I'm involved in the storytelling process. I work on the scripts with the writers and with voice direction.

**NM:** How long does it take to make one episode?  
**TR:** From the time someone thinks of the story to the time it gets on the air, it takes about a year. Hundreds of people work on the show. There are 70 artists doing just the drawing.

**NM:** What were you like as a kid?  
**TR:** I spent most of my waking hours doodling. I sat in front of the television and tried to draw the cartoons I was watching. I enjoyed drawing and storytelling. I also had a puppet theater.

**NM:** Do you have a favorite Animaniac?

**TR:** I completely appreciate each one. Asking which one is my favorite is like asking which son I love best. I love them all!



**Yakking With Yakko**  
**Rob Paulsen** is the voice of Yakko.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:**

Do you remember the first voice you did when you were a kid?

**Rob Paulsen:** I used to imitate Elvis. I sang "You ain't nothin' but an old ground hot dog" because I thought those were the lyrics.

**NM:** Is Yakko's voice based on anyone?

**RP:** The producers and writers wanted a Groucho Marx-type voice, kind of a sarcastic wise guy. We added the helium quality later.

**NM:** Do you do any other cartoon voices?

**RP:** I do Pinky from *Pinky & the Brain*. I also do Arthur from *The Tick*.



**NM:** What kind of accent does Pinky have?

**RP:** It's a British accent. Pinky has trouble saying his R's because of his overbite.



**The Wacky Who Plays Wakko**  
**Jess Harnell** is the voice of Wakko.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** Are you anything like Wakko?

**Jess Harnell:** Very much. When one of my friends heard I was playing this part, he said, "Hey, it's typecasting," because I'm kind of crazy.



**NM:** How can kids get better at doing voices?

**JH:** Imitate everyone. Imitate your brothers, imitate your aunts, imitate people on TV. Even if your imitation isn't good, then you've just invented a new voice. But I always tell kids that whatever their talent is—whether it's voices or drawing or anything—they have to practice.

**NM:** As a kid, did you think you'd get paid to make voices?

**JH:** I had a feeling I would. I always did voices. When I was twelve, I saw a behind-the-scenes taping of a cartoon. I remember watching the actors do their parts.

**NM:** Do you recommend your line of work to kids?

**JH:** Absolutely. Rob Paulsen [the voice of Yakko] says that we're getting paid to do the stuff that used to get us in trouble at school.



**Dot's All**  
**Tress MacNeille** is the voice of Dot.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:**  
Are you anything like Dot?

**Tress MacNeille:** Very much. I'm adorable and assertive. I sometimes lose my temper. I understand Dot because I know girls need to speak up and make their wishes known.

**NM:** Is Dot the cutest character you've ever played?

**TM:** Female cartoon characters usually are adorable. Either that or they're evil. But Dot is absolutely the cutest. She's smart, too.

**NM:** Is her voice based on anyone you know?

**TM:** Not really. I was shown a drawing of Dot. So the voice had to be right for someone small and cute in a flounced skirt.

**NM:** Will Dot ever catch Mel Gibson?

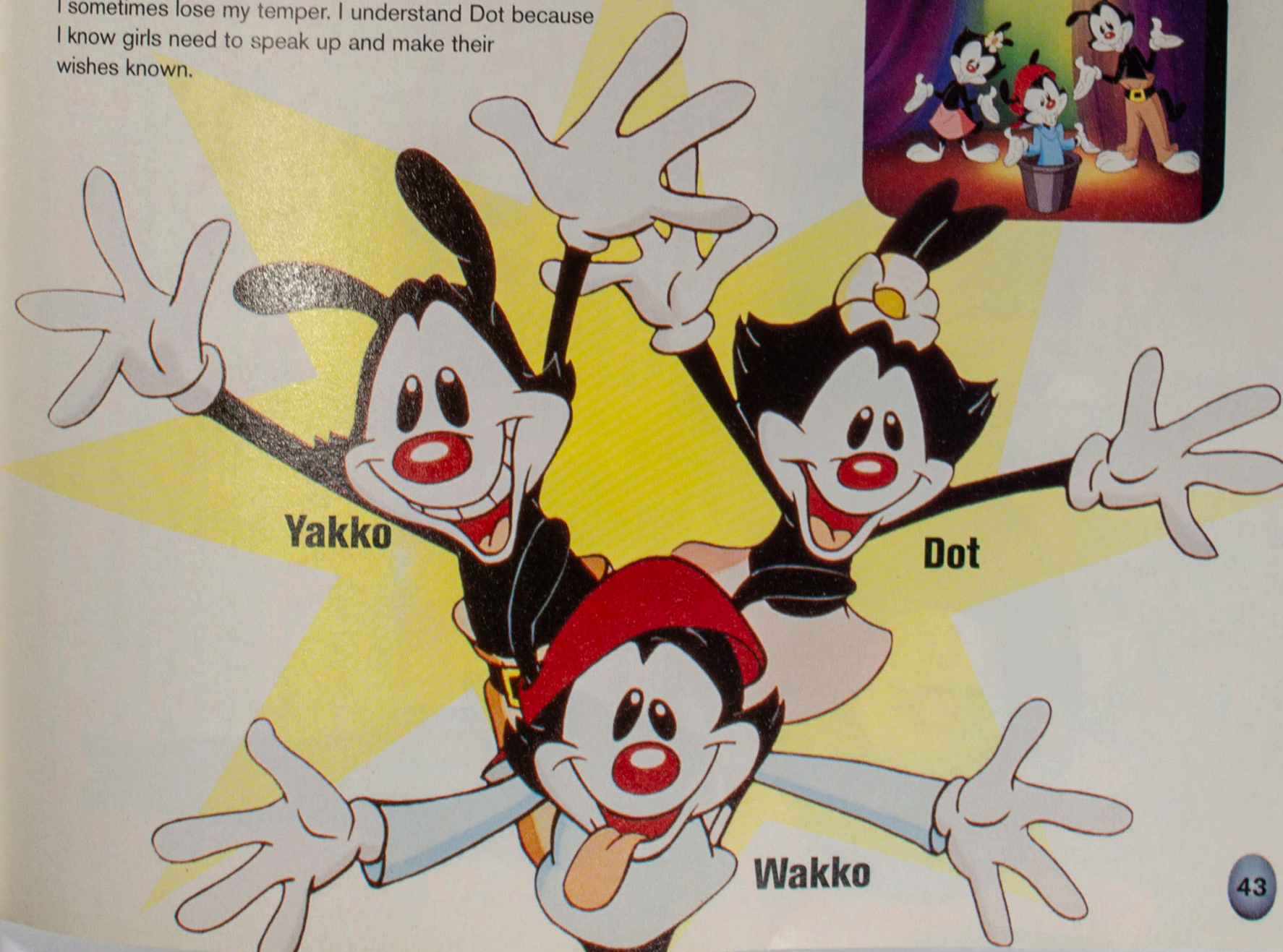
**TM:** She has hopes. But it's all about the chase. Once he's caught, she might get bored.

**NM:** When you were a kid, did you ever imagine you'd be doing this for a living?

**TM:** I wanted to very much, ever since I was about ten. I've realized my life's ambition.

**NM:** Did you have brothers like Yakko and Wakko?

**TM:** Yes, I had five brothers and two sisters, and there was a lot of yakkin' and a lot of wackiness.





## news

All about Nickelodeon



# Hostess with the Mostest

Whitney Houston hosts *Nickelodeon's 9th Annual Kids' Choice Awards* on Saturday, May 11.\* NICKELODEON MAGAZINE spoke with Whitney about singing, stage fright, and sandwiches.



**Nickelodeon Magazine:** How old were you when you knew you wanted to become a professional singer?

**Whitney Houston:** I was about twelve or thirteen. I'd been singing in church since I was five years old, so it was always something I did. My mother was a professional singer, and she guided me after I decided this was what I was going to do.

**NM:** What was the first song you learned to sing?

**WH:** A gospel song, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

**NM:** Have you ever forgotten the words to a song during a concert?

**WH:** Yes.

**NM:** What does that feel like?

**WH:** You just feel kind of silly. I add some *aahhs* and *umms* to cover it.

**NM:** Have you ever had stage fright?

**WH:** Yes. The first time I had it, I was about fourteen. I was performing with my mother in New York City, at a place called Alice Tully Hall. It was the first time I was performing in front of a large crowd of people, and I got so scared I almost went to the bathroom on myself.

**NM:** When you are per-

forming, what do you look at or do you just zone out?

**WH:** People.

**NM:** When people leave a concert, they often say that the singer looked right at them.

**WH:** Yeah, sometimes we do. I can see the first four rows, but after the fifth and sixth, it starts to get dim.

**NM:** Do you sing in the shower?

**WH:** Yes.

**NM:** Where do you keep your awards?

**WH:** In a large case in the basement.

**NM:** What was the first award you won?

**WH:** I was in an all-state talent competition when I was in seventh grade. I came in second. It's funny because the winner sang "The Greatest Love of All." I sang "Evergreen."

**NM:** Where did you grow up?

**WH:** I was born in Newark, New Jersey, and I grew up there and in East Orange, New Jersey. And I still live in New Jersey.

**NM:** Do you have any sisters or brothers?

**WH:** I have two older brothers.

**NM:** Was it tough being a little sister?

**WH:** Yes!

**NM:** Do your big brothers still pick on you?

**WH:** Yeah, sometimes.

**NM:** What's the worst outfit you wore as a kid?

**WH:** A purple chiffon gown with a white organza top. I was sixteen years old.

**NM:** What were your favorite clothes as a kid?

**WH:** Blue jeans and sneakers.

**NM:** Did you have a nickname as a kid?

**WH:** Nippy. My father gave me that name. I don't know why. He said he liked the name. People close to me still call me that.

**NM:** Did you have any heroes as a kid?

**WH:** My parents. I had great parents. They made themselves examples for me and my brothers.

**NM:** How many people tour with you?

**WH:** About 120, including the band members, dancers, wardrobe people, and hairstylists.

**NM:** Do you travel by bus when you're on tour?

**WH:** Yes. I love the bus. It has a place to cook food and a little bunk bed. It's not fancy, just convenient.

**NM:** Do you ever get bus-sick?

**WH:** No.

**NM:** Now that you're famous, what can you do that you couldn't do before?

**WH:** Get into places without waiting.

**NM:** If there were a Whitney Houston sandwich, what would it be?

**WH:** Peanut butter and jelly. I love

peanut butter and jelly. On whole-wheat bread. It's quick. It's tasty. With a glass of milk—mmm, great.

**NM:** Do you eat all your vegetables?

**WH:** Not all the time. I love asparagus. I love spinach. I love greens and kale.

**NM:** If you could be any animal, which would you choose?

**WH:** A bird. I love doves. I'd like to fly.

**NM:** What music groups did you listen to as a kid?

**WH:** Earth, Wind, and Fire, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Gladys Knight and the Pips, and the Jackson 5.

**NM:** What did your parents think of the music you listened to when you were a kid?

**WH:** We all liked the same music, but not always at the same volume.



P.S.

**Birthdate:** August 9, 1963

**Middle name:** Elizabeth

**Pets:** Two cats and three dogs

**Favorite home-cooked meal:** Fried chicken, pork and beans, and a salad

**Favorite dessert:** Sweet potato pie

**Favorite TV shows:** *Living Single*, *Martin*, *Family Matters*, and *Step by Step*

**Highest note she can hit:** A high C

\*Show airs at 8 PM, eastern and Pacific time; at 7 PM central time. Check local listings for details.





# Choosing Favorites

Nickelodeon's 9th Annual Kids' Choice Awards airs on Saturday, May 11, at 8 PM.\* Tune in to find out who kids chose as their favorite celebrities, athletes, and more.

Before the show starts, mark your own choices on this viewer's guide. Then watch the show to see if you picked the winners.

The nominees in each category are:

## FAVORITE MOVIE ACTOR

- ☐ Jim Carrey
- ☐ Tom Hanks
- ☐ Jonathan Taylor Thomas
- ☐ Robin Williams

## FAVORITE MOVIE ACTRESS

- ☐ Kirstie Alley
- ☐ Nicole Kidman
- ☐ Mary-Kate & Ashley Olsen
- ☐ Alicia Silverstone

## FAVORITE MOVIE

- ☐ Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
- ☐ Batman Forever
- ☐ Casper
- ☐ Toy Story

## FAVORITE TELEVISION ACTOR

- ☐ Tim Allen
- ☐ Martin Lawrence
- ☐ Will Smith
- ☐ Jaleel White

## FAVORITE TELEVISION ACTRESS

- ☐ Tatyana M. Ali
- ☐ Tia & Tamera Mowry
- ☐ Queen Latifah
- ☐ Roseanne

## FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW

- ☐ Family Matters
- ☐ The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
- ☐ Home Improvement
- ☐ Sister, Sister

## FAVORITE SINGER

- ☐ Brandy
- ☐ Coolio
- ☐ Janet Jackson
- ☐ Michael Jackson

## FAVORITE GROUP

- ☐ All-4-One
- ☐ Boyz II Men
- ☐ Green Day
- ☐ TLC

## FAVORITE SONG

- ☐ "Baby" (Brandy)
- ☐ "Gangsta's Paradise" (Coolio)
- ☐ "One Sweet Day" (Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men)
- ☐ "Waterfalls" (TLC)

## FAVORITE MALE ATHLETE

- ☐ Troy Aikman
- ☐ Michael Jordan
- ☐ Shaquille O'Neal
- ☐ Emmitt Smith

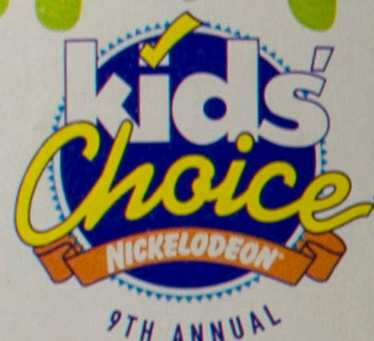
## FAVORITE FEMALE ATHLETE

- ☐ Nicole Bobek
- ☐ Nancy Kerrigan
- ☐ Shannon Miller
- ☐ Kristi Yamaguchi

## FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM

- ☐ Atlanta Braves
- ☐ Dallas Cowboys
- ☐ Orlando Magic
- ☐ San Francisco 49ers

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## FAVORITE CARTOON

- ☐ Animaniacs
- ☐ Doug
- ☐ Rugrats
- ☐ The Simpsons

## FAVORITE ANIMAL STAR

- ☐ Amy the Gorilla (Congo)
- ☐ Babe the Pig (Babe)
- ☐ Marcel the Monkey (Friends)
- ☐ Willy the Whale (Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home)

## FAVORITE VIDEO GAME

- ☐ Donkey Kong Country
- ☐ Ms. Pac-Man
- ☐ Tiny Toon Adventures: Buster Busts Loose
- ☐ X-Men

## FAVORITE BOOK

- ☐ The Baby-Sitter IV by R.L. Stine
- ☐ The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
- ☐ Pocahontas Illustrated Classic adapted by Gina Ingoglia
- ☐ Tales to Give You Goosebumps: Special Edition #1 by R.L. Stine

## HALL OF FAME

- ☐ Tim Allen
- ☐ Whoopi Goldberg
- ☐ Whitney Houston
- ☐ Janet Jackson







# How Much Is That Wombat in the Window?

BY NANCY BONNELL-KANGAS



## AUSTRALIA Wombat

Pet wombats are relatively easy to take care of. For one thing, you don't need to give them baths. Instead, they clean themselves by scratching and like to have a rubbing post to get at the places they can't reach with their paws. Some may not even need a water dish, because they can get all their water from the plants they eat. Another plus: Wombats rarely pee.

Cats and dogs are fine for us, but in other parts of the world, people keep more unusual creatures as pets.



## ARGENTINA Crested Screamer

Young crested screamers are often caught and tamed. The sharp spurs on their wings are used to fight off hunting dogs and other animals that scare them. Crested screamers can make good watch birds. Some people keep them in the chicken coop, where they're said to protect their coop-mates from birds of prey.



## CHINA and JAPAN Cricket

Pet crickets can be kept in terrariums or little cages, some of which look like decorated dollhouses. Crickets will eat almost anything humans eat, like meat and vegetables, and other less tasty stuff, like wool and wallpaper paste.



## CENTRAL AMERICA Kinkajou

Kinkajous like to explore and climb. When they sleep, they often tuck themselves into balls, with their heads and feet underneath their bodies

and their long tails wrapped around themselves. In the wild, kinkajous stay up at night and sleep during the day, but with the help of window shades (drawn during daylight) and lamps (turned on after dark), they can be trained to sleep at night.



Neither a burrower nor a lender be.

## INDIA and MALAYSIA Mongoose

Certain species of mongoose, when adopted very young, make loyal pets. Since they're burrowers by nature, they may like to crawl into their owners' pants legs, sleeves, and pockets. Some can be trained to come when called as long as they're rewarded with food. Mongooses can run around corners without slowing down and can also run backward in a nearly straight line.

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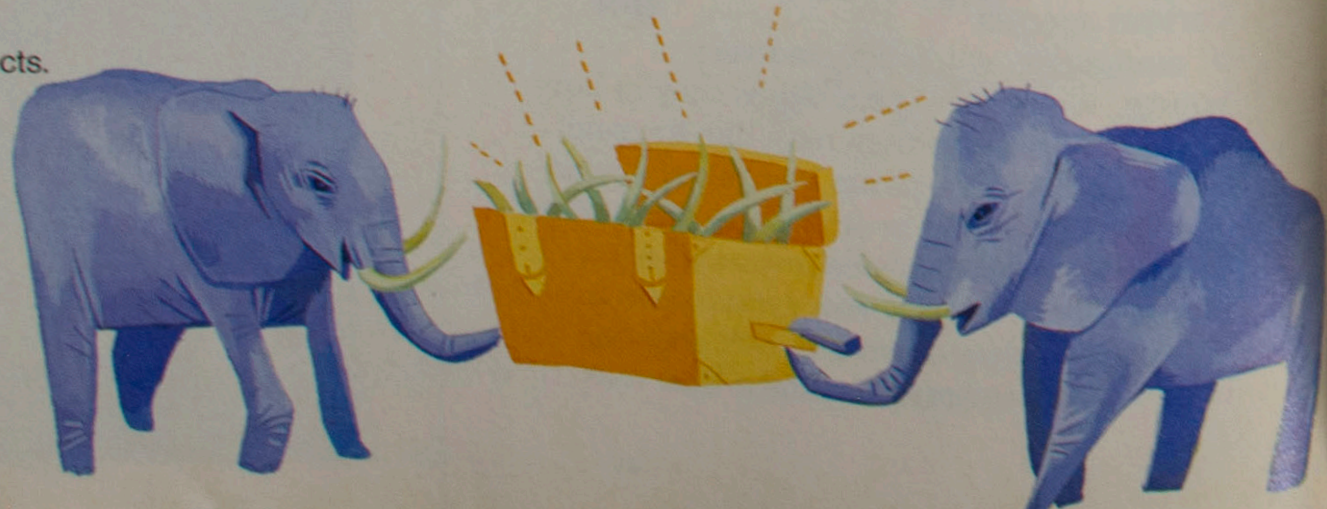




# TEST YOUR ZOOLOGY KNOWLEDGE-Y

Take the bull by the horns and find out how much you know about animals. Circle **T** or **F** for each of the statements. Answers on page 55.

1. **T** **F** Anteaters and beavers built the Hoover Dam.
2. **T** **F** To hide from its enemies, the bola spider disguises itself as bird poop.
3. **T** **F** The jellyfish's only friend is the peanutbutterfish.
4. **T** **F** If a great white shark stops swimming, it will die.
5. **T** **F** Instead of antlers, a doe has unclers.
6. **T** **F** In 1575, a monkey wrote a play called *Hamlet*.
7. **T** **F** A giraffe's tongue is black.
8. **T** **F** Nearsighted tortoises wear human-shell glasses.
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13. **T** **F** Elephants store extra tusks in their trunks.



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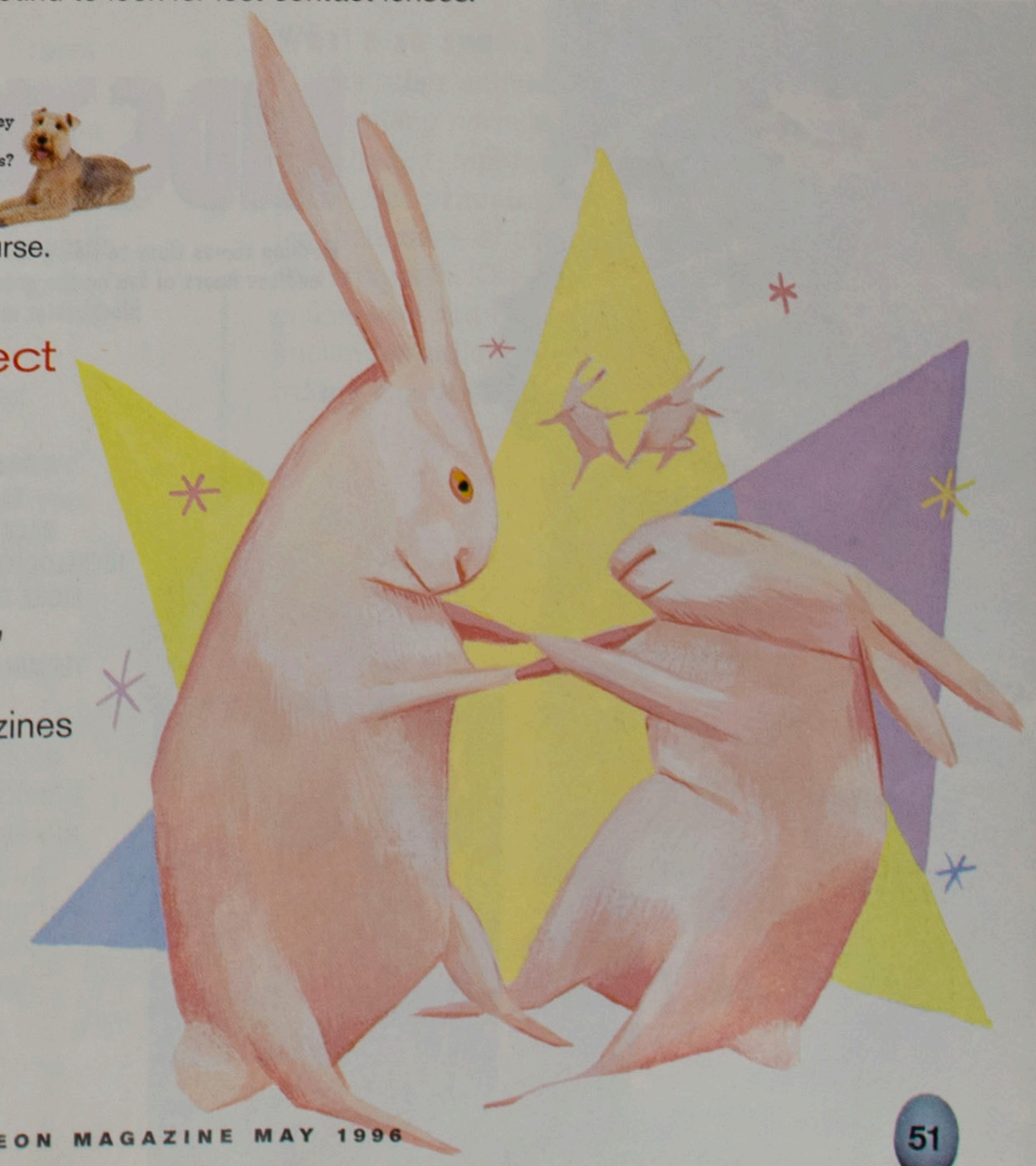


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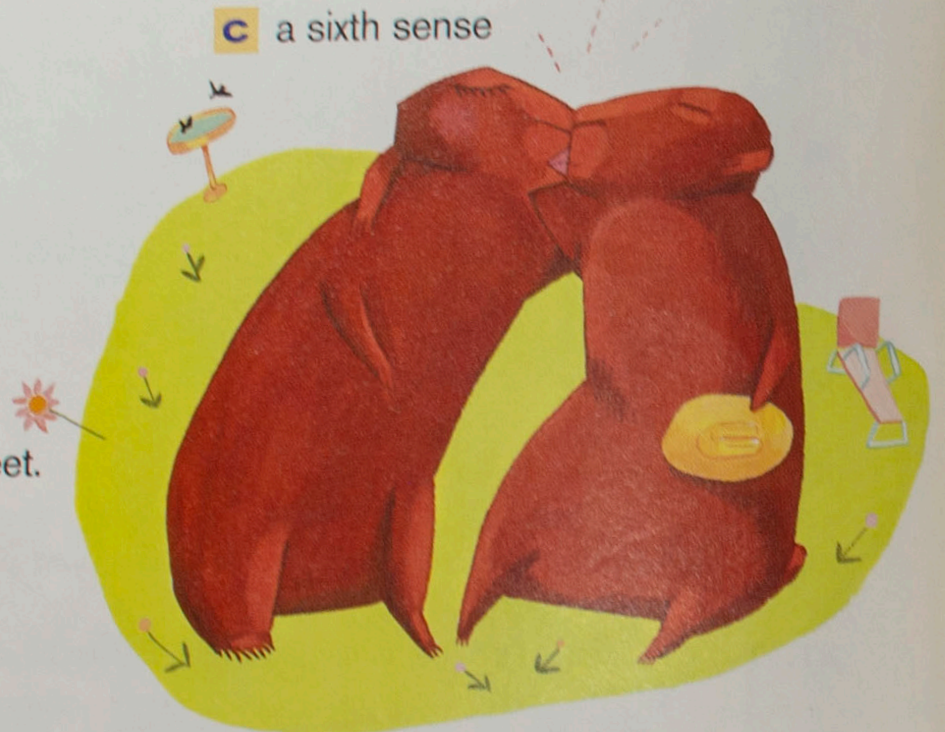
27. Camels' humps store \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** fat  
**b** bottled water, bandages, flares, and Swiss chocolate  
**c** old *National Geographic* magazines
28. Cottontail rabbits like to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** do The Hustle  
**b** sunbathe  
**c** do long division







29. One type of armadillo can hold \_\_\_\_\_ for six minutes.
- a the pickles and lettuce
  - b its breath
  - c its own
30. A female koala keeps \_\_\_\_\_ in her pouch.
- a her baby
  - b a beeper
  - c two forms of valid ID
31. Black-tailed prairie dogs \_\_\_\_\_ when they meet.
- a do-si-do and promenade
  - b exchange business cards
  - c kiss
32. A cow has \_\_\_\_\_.
- a one stomach with four chambers
  - b one ace of clubs and four hearts
  - c a sixth sense

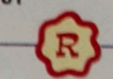


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## Homo Sapiens

also known as: humans, people, John and Jane Doe.



### What are they?

Humans are primates (a kind of mammal). Other primates are apes and monkeys. *Homo sapiens* are the most common primate on Earth; there are more than 5 billion of them. They are the only *bipedal* primates—which means they only have two feet, not four.

### How big are they?

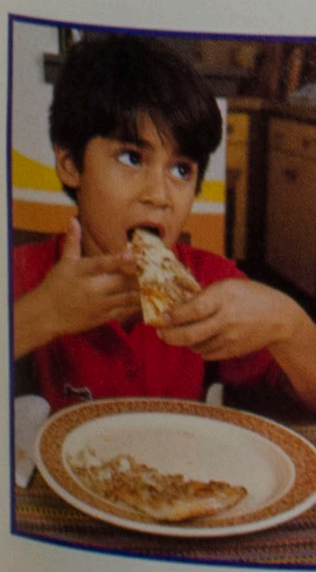
Adult humans vary in height—from about 4'3" to 6'7" for males and 3'11" to 6'2" for females. The average adult human weighs 126 pounds.

### What do they look like?

Although humans vary in appearance, almost all of them have two legs, two arms, one belly button, and a head located above the neck. Humans do not have a thick coat of hair like other primates. In all of the animal kingdom, they have the most complex set of facial muscles, which they use to make many different expressions. Their hands are also highly developed, and can be used to build tools, twiddle their thumbs, and play Go Fish.

### Where do they live?

Humans live all over the Earth's land surface. They are able to do this because they can protect themselves from extreme weather, by building shelters (including some with breakfast nooks) and by making clothes (such as footsie pajamas).



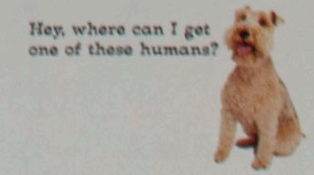
### What do they eat?

Humans are omnivores, which means that they eat both plants and animals. Long ago, humans got their food by hunting and gathering. Today, a vast number are more likely to order in or pop something in the microwave.



### What's so special about them?

Unlike other animals, humans can walk and run for long periods of time. They can maintain their body temperature by sweating. Compared with other primates, their brains are large for their size—about the size and shape of an acorn squash. They are the only primate that makes war; but on the bright side, humans are known for building bridges, painting pictures, and baking cupcakes.



Hey, where can I get one of these humans?

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# answers

## GO TO YOUR VROOM (page 4)

1-F, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T.

## GO DARN FLY! (page 8)

Salty pup=platypus; mall radio=armadillo;  
butt flyer=butterfly; the ache=cheetah;  
strange rake=gartersnake; go darn  
fly=dragonfly; fig fear=giraffe; thus I map  
poop=hippopotamus; a trail log=alligator;  
skate rental=rattlesnake; snore choir=rhi-  
noceros; nasal dream=salamander; pro is  
con=scorpion; tuna groan=orangutan;  
edible stew=wildebeest.

## DON'T CALL ME A PIG! (page 16)

1-fake, 2-A, 3-H, 4-F, 5-G, 6-E, 7-fake,  
8-D, 9-B, 10-C.

## IT'S FURRY CONFUSING (page 22)

1-B, 2-H, 3-C, 4-F, 5-A, 6-E, 7-I, 8-D,  
9-J, 10-G.

## NAME THAT DOG BREED! (page 34)

1-Old English Sheepdog; 2-Springer  
Spaniel; 3-Miniature Schnauzer;  
4-Boxer; 5-Golden Retriever; 6-Pit Bull;  
7-Chihuahua; 8-Doberman Pinscher;  
9-Greyhound.



## READ BETWEEN THE LIONS (page 38)

5-not. I germinate=tiger;  
6-dandelions=lion; 7-knew that=newt (first);  
8-fungi Rafferty's=giraffe; 9-lost. Rich=ostrich;  
10-daughter Amanda=ram; 11-pan, Daddy?=panda;  
12-Wolfgang=wolf; 13-mahogany=hog;  
14-call, Amanda=llama; 15-Kang a root=kangaroo;  
16-goo settling=goose; 17-do-gooder=dog; 18-cowardly=cow;  
19-be a real=bear; 20-blimp? Alas=impala;  
21-knew that=newt (second); 22-sister's almond=salmon;  
23-buff a long=buffalo; 24-as naked=sake;  
25-as nails=snail; 26-can't elope=antelope;  
27-Sal, a man derives=salamander; 28-Terwilliger, bill=gerbil;  
29-super-ninja guarantee=jaguar; 30-Jackaroo, stereos=rooster;  
31-slo-mo, use=mouse; 32-retort. "O, I see=tortoise;  
33-Jack always=jackal; 34-Japan there's=panther;  
35-Ha! Ms. Terwilliger=hamster; 36-always wanted=swan;  
37 and 38-the newspaper=hen (second), ape (first);  
39-farm ad. I'll open=armadillo; 40-Adele. Phantom=elephant;  
41-Rabbi Tannenbaum=rabbit; 42-When I=hen (third);  
43-Bangor, I'll attend=gorilla; 44-cheaper=ape (second);  
45-hip pop. O, ta. Must=hippopotamus; 46-to a dim=toad;  
47-shared=hare; 48-sunset. Route=trout;  
49-red eerie=deer; 50-left=eft.

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# Whatever YOU Want

**Say What?** From the December 1995 issue:

We asked you to give these people something to think and say. Here are our favorite entries.

**R**

**Woman on left:** I can't look. It's always so messy when he lands!

**Man:** I hope someone remembered to bring Band-Aids.

**Woman on right:** What did he mean when he said, "Let's hope seven is our lucky number?"

Gregory C., age 10  
Clark, New Jersey

**Woman on left:** All I have to do is click my heels three times and close my eyes, and I'm outta here!

**Man:** Help! I'm frozen!

**Woman on right:** Why don't we just leave him up there till spring?

Jessica B., age 11  
Rolling Meadows, Illinois

**Woman on left:** Yes! The kryptonite in my hat worked! I told you it would, Lucy!

**Man:** Can't...fly... Can't...save...the world!

**Woman on right:** Great job, Betty! Now we girls can rule the world.

Michelle W., age 12  
Groton, South Dakota

**Woman on left:** Argh! Your ice skates have dandruff!

**Man:** Houston, I have a problem.

**Woman on right:** I have a bad feeling about being here.

Colleen F., age 11  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts



**Woman on left:** That's the last time I'll ignore the thin ice sign!

**Man:** I'm sure glad they fell through the ice. I don't think I would have made it if they had been standing up!

**Woman on right:** Lucky for us we only fell in up to our armpits!

Katie K., age 10  
Rockford, Illinois

**Woman on left:** Being frozen in ice from the waist down isn't cool.

**Man:** I've broken free!

**Woman on right:** How long until spring?

Sean M., age 9  
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Skate work,  
everybody.



## Third Annual New Year's Contest Results

In our December 1995 issue, we asked you to write New Year's resolutions for a famous person or character. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. Each winner received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, Smud, and other great Nickelodeon stuff.

### Winners



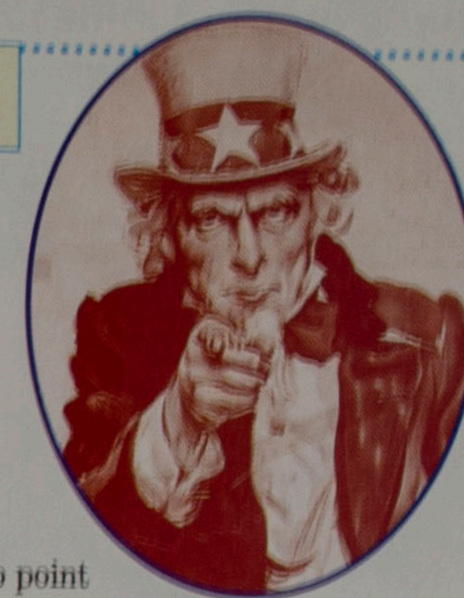
**Barbie**

See a doctor about my joints.

Eat something.

Get a Dream House with plumbing.

Mahrya S., age 11, and Holly S., age 11  
Reston, Virginia



**Uncle Sam**

Try not to point fingers.

Update my hat so it has 50 stars.

Remember that a firecracker is not a toy.

Nicole G., age 12  
Staten Island, New York

**Stick Stickly**

Star in a Pudding Pops commercial.

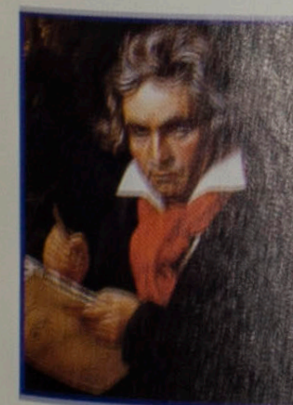
Get sprayed for termites.

Lose those extra splinters I put on during the holidays.

Kelly H., age 12  
Paducah, Kentucky



### Honorable Mentions



**Ludwig van Beethoven**

Get a present *Für Elise*.

Sara S., age 11  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Marie Antoinette**

Learn the words to "If I Knew You Were Coming, I'da Baked a Cake."

Christopher G., age 9  
McKeesport, Pennsylvania

**Humpty Dumpty**

Stay off walls.

Leigh R., age 10  
Tecumseh, Michigan

**Darth Vader**

Wear lighter colors.

Jordan S., age 9  
Wills Point, Texas

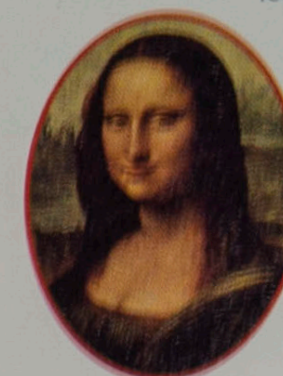
**Dumbo the Elephant**

Change my name to Smarto.

**Snow White**

Make the dwarfs clean my house.

Fallon M., age 10  
Providence, Rhode Island



**Mona Lisa**

Wipe that smirk off my face.

Christine L., age 10  
Framingham, Massachusetts

**The Human Torch (The Fantastic Four)**

Show girls I'm hot stuff.

Michael A., age 12  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Casper**

Try not to be so transparent.

Stop making so many "boo-boos."

Ryan P., age 8  
Inglewood, California

**Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes (TLC)**

Get that smudge off my face.

Stop chasing those darn waterfalls.

Heather P., age 13  
Wyoming, Michigan



**Robin Williams**

Stop monkeying around.

Luke S., age 13  
Basehor, Kansas

**Oblina (AAAH!!! Real Monsters)**

Grow a neck.

Natalie A., age 10  
Stockton, California



# Say What?

What's on their minds?  
Give these two mammals something to think and say.



If you want, send your finished  
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Sorry, we can't return them. But we will print our favorites in a future issue.



This issue  
brought out the  
animal in me.



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"DO YOU THINK THEY'LL DO THIS STUFF?"

"FOR 'M&M'S' IN A HEARTBEAT?"

"WHAT'S A HEARTBEAT?"



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1. Impersonate a famous person.
2. Make up a word and use it in a sentence.
3. Play air guitar for 15 seconds.
4. Take off a piece of clothing, turn it inside out, and put it back on.
5. Sit on an invisible chair for 5 seconds.
6. Sing a verse of a song that has the word "blue" in it.



1. Whistle "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."
2. Tell who you have a crush on.
3. Draw a heart with one hand while drawing an arrow with the other.



4. Say "I'm an 'M&M's'" five times fast.
5. Braid your hair.
6. Make silly "kissy faces."

1. Say the alphabet backwards.
2. Write your name upside down.
3. Sing the National Anthem.
4. Finish "Roses are Red, Chocolate is Brown..."
5. Recite a Shakespearean sonnet.
6. Name five things in the room that start with "m."



## The Great Chocolate Pool

Put your "M&M's" candy here if you won't dare.

1. Smell your friend's socks.
2. Say something great about yourself. (I do everyday.)
3. Burp.
4. Say "I'm not getting an 'M&M's' candy" in Swahili. ('Cause you're not. Ha!)
5. Do the "armpit thing."
6. Wear your shoes on your hands for one turn.



1. Hold your nose until your next turn.
2. Lie on the floor and "fry like bacon."
3. Rub your stomach while patting your head.
4. Say a word that rhymes with "orange."
5. Jump up and down and say, "Mommy, Mommy, Mommy."
6. Say something that'll gross your friends out.



1. Eat your "M&M's" candy without using your hands.
2. Make a saliva bubble.
3. Touch your nose with your tongue.
4. Put your knees together and walk around the room.
5. Make a stupid face and hold it for 10 seconds.
6. Have one of your friends feed you your "M&M's" candy.

